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Faith in the Unseen

VISITORS TO THE summer camp at High Point were always impressed by the youngsters' active participation in recreational activities. They watched a softball game or relay race with keen interest, for this was no ordinary summer camp. The children taking part in the contests were either totally or partially blind!

Perhaps the activity which made the deepest and most lasting impression on people visiting for the first time was the swimming period. Non-swimmers especially among the spectators would marvel as a totally blind youngster swam beyond the safety ropes and out to the float, guided by a counselor's voice.

Visitors never failed to exclaim over Carmela, a little girl who obviously loved the water. Though she couldn't swim, Carmela made valiant attempts to learn. Often she went under and got a mouthful of water, but always she came up laughing. Carmela had no fear of the water and required constant supervision. In addition to being totally blind, Carmela was also totally deaf and could be guided only by touch.

Visitors were a bit awed by the time they left. They took home the memory of children having a wonderful time in spite of their handicaps. I wouldn't be surprised if they took with them something more—a deeper faith in the unseen, as demonstrated by a little deaf-blind girl.

—ERNESTINE S. DAUM



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THE CHURCH IN THE NEW

No truce with missionaries

The army of missionaries that had brought the Christian gospel to China was dwindling almost to zero this month. Communists had said in mid-July that they must get out. Every day some arrived at the British-controlled city of Hong Kong, on China's border, saying a sad goodbye to a land they love, but happy to escape safely.

Largest number of missionaries to cross the frontier into Hong Kong in one day had been 39. They arrived from Canton on July 29. "Thank God. Thank God," said a German Catholic priest, Peter Holzer, as he came through the barbed wire barrier. He wore Chinese peasant clothing and a battered white hat. "You have to be good humored to get along where I have come from," he said.

Americans, Britons, Canadians, Frenchmen, and Germans were leaving together. They came from Honan, Szechuan, Yunnan, Sikang. But no word had come from Shantung, where the last two United Lutheran missionaries were stationed. The Rev. Paul Mackensen and Miss Clara Sullivan had applied for exit permits early this year, but have not yet been allowed to leave China.

Children are grateful

Chinese orphans gave a demonstration of gratitude to the mother superior of a Roman Catholic orphanage in Tientsin when Communist authorities ordered her expelled from the institution where she had worked six years.

When authorities told the mother superior she must leave, they forbade her to speak to the children in the orphanage during the month preceding her departure.

Her expulsion was supposed to be a secret but the orphans learned about it.

On the day the superior was to be taken to the ship, the children ran away from the orphanage. A police alarm was sent out and an intensive search started only to end when the youngsters appeared at the dock. Despite every attempt to disperse them, the children kept talking to the mother superior and singing songs for her. They were finally herded back to the orphanage.

The next morning the children appeared at the dock again to bid farewell to their friend as the ship pulled out and began edging down the river. They were singing and calling out to the nun. When a bend in the river took her out of sight,

Million a week in ULC

On offering plates in United Lutheran churches an average of a million dollars a week had been brought to the altar in 1950. Total for the year was \$52,813,000. Last week the total for each synod was reported by Dr. Henry Beisler, ULC treasurer.

Average for each confirmed member of the church was \$37. Christian High School Education Year appeal offerings, included in the figures, helped to lift the total to an unprecedented \$6 million above the 1946 record of \$46,210,136. In 1946 the total had been \$31,782,857.

Three-fourths of the ULC offering for 1950 were applied on congregational expenses, including building funds. The rest was for general church work: United Lutheran Church apportionment—\$986,885 . . . CHEY—\$3,733,749 . . . Lutheran World Action—\$1,418,000. Other ULC contributions, plus amount



NOTHING LIKE THIS BEFORE

Mr. Chester Myrom of Stewardship Department, Dr. Wynne Boliek of ULC Executive Board, and President Franklin Clark Fry inspect the million-dollar-a-week report

expended directly by synods, brought 1950 benevolence total to \$13,464,098.

Chief factor in helping to lift ULC giving to record-breaking levels in the last few years has been the ULC stewardship department, stewardship departments in the synods, and the Lutheran Laymen's Movement which finances a continuous, church-wide educational program regarding generous giving.

Sums reported by the synods are:

Pennsylvania Ministerium	\$ 7,141,586
New York	6,047,637
North Carolina	2,090,034
Maryland	2,694,040
South Carolina	1,371,598
Central Pennsylvania	6,815,071
Virginia	1,130,479
Ohio	4,339,461
Pittsburgh	3,664,485
Indiana	1,085,859
Illinois	2,483,573
Texas	277,133
Mississippi	31,284
Iowa	941,327

Michigan	720,312
Georgia	418,009
Canada	810,381
Kansas	480,606
Nebraska	754,811
Wartburg	648,160
Icelandic	58,990
Midwest	763,914
California	1,139,078
Rocky Mountain	274,468
Northwest	2,795,194
Western Canada	258,210
Pacific	499,424
Nova Scotia	65,355
West Virginia	243,597
Slovak-Zion	294,981
Florida	211,266
Kentucky	542,644
New Jersey	1,720,618

POAU strikes again

Since early 1948 the Roman Catholic Church in the U.S. had been obliged to take notice of a little organization that began buzzing around its ears like an enraged hornet. "POAU" is the abbrevia-

tion the organization uses for its lengthy title: Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

POAU has been spreading out fast. In early summer it organized a chapter in the District of Columbia. Another was formed recently in New York City. Well known Protestants are its officers (president, Baptist clergyman Edwin McNeill Poteat . . . vice presidents, Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Princeton Seminary president John A. Mackay, former *Christian Century* editor Charles C. Morrison).

Wherever Roman Catholic institutions or agencies are lined up at government treasuries for handouts of public funds, POAU gets into action. This month the action was in Washington, where the House of Representatives had passed a bill authorizing federal aid to District of Columbia church-related hospitals.

Four million for Providence

An 1899 Supreme Court decision upholds government grants to church-owned hospitals if they take care of sick people of all faiths. The bill passed by the House (and pending in the Senate in early August) provides funds for building programs at Sibley Memorial Hospital (Methodist-owned) and Providence Hospital (Roman Catholic). Providence would get \$4 million on an \$8 million building.

"Use of tax funds by any institution owned and controlled in whole or in part by a sectarian group is contrary to the most fundamental principle of our American democracy," declared a POAU spokesman.

"The doctors and nurses (in the Providence Hospital) are required to conform even their medical practices and procedures to a rigidly prescribed Catholic code

which differs, at many significant points from the beliefs of non-Catholic citizens

Co-operation in Chicago

Baptists and Catholics were neighbors this month in a Chicago school building and seemed to be getting along all right together.

The Ashburn Baptist congregation has been holding its services in the Owens school since January. Last month a new Roman Catholic congregation moved in, celebrating masses each Sunday morning on the second floor while Baptists worshiped on the first.

"It all works out very well," Baptist Pastor Vernon Lyons reported. "We are proving it is possible for two groups of different denominations to get along in harmony under the same roof."

Headquarters argument

There was an item of unfinished business on the books of the National Council of Churches when it completed its 1934 general assembly in Cleveland last December. Where would the Council's headquarters be located?

The problem had been referred to the Council's general board which has yet debated it. At present the headquarters is in New York City. Many Council leaders would like it left there.

From its office in a tall office building in Chicago's Loop district *The Christian Century*—most influential Protestant magazine in America—tried to illuminate the subject this month. New York City was not the right place, thought *The Century*. It was too far from the "population and psychological center" of American Protestantism. And further, "millions of Americans regard New York as an alien city."

Three Ohio cities, Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati, have been proposed, as have Indianapolis and South Bend, Indiana.

and Chicago. The 1950 U.S. Census will probably locate the center of U.S. population in southern Illinois.

Reason for settling on New York, argued Dr. Franklin Clark Fry at the Council's assembly in Cleveland, is that in New York is the largest number of the headquarters officials of the denominations which compose the Council. To have trained personnel available for the Council's numerous committee assignments, the meetings should be held where the leaders live. (Seven of the 31 denominations in the Council have headquarters in New York City. They comprise nearly half of the membership of the Council churches.)

The *Century's* answer is that the Council shouldn't be dominated by officials of the churches. It wants "more and more responsibility for its activities" in the "hands of representative pastors and laymen who live close to the Protestant

people and churches of the whole country."

Chapel built in Korea

Last month dungaree-clad U.S. Marines had built a church in Korea. It was only a twice-size Quonset hut, seating 200. But it was the first place of worship other than tents which had been provided.

"Today we dedicate a new and beautiful chapel in this command," announced Col. John H. Cook, Combat Service Group commander in the 1st Marine Division. "This chapel is dedicated so we can train in the Faith without which we have no faith, no hope, nor love."

Protestant Chaplain Ross H. Trowser (United Lutheran clergyman) shared with Roman Catholic Chaplain Arthur Kulinski in the dedication. Assisting in the Protestant service was a choir of Korean Methodists, singing hymns in Korean and English.



MARINES BUILT IT
A chapel in Korea

Goodwill toward Arabs

Military bases in Arab lands are not likely to add to the security of the West, the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Foreign Affairs heard from Dr. Walter W. Van Kirk, head of the National Council's Department of International Justice and Goodwill. "Security is derived in a larger measure from the spirit of friendship and goodwill between the peoples concerned," he said.

Many Arabs feel that they have been abandoned in their hour of need by the United States and other western powers, Dr. Van Kirk reported. A greater concern for the economic and political well-being of the 40 million people of the Arab world is the only way to insure their friendship.

The plight of Arab refugees in camps scattered across the Kingdom of Jordan shocked participants in the recent conference which met at Beirut, Lebanon, to consider the Palestine refugee problem, said Dr. Van Kirk. About 750,000 Arab refugees driven out of Israel's section of Palestine are dispersed over five Middle East countries.

Arabs praise Lutheran relief

"The best work" done among the Arab refugees has been by the Lutheran World Federation, said Ihsan Bey Hashim, governor of Jerusalem, as he called at LWF headquarters in Geneva. "You have worked for the sake of God and for nothing else. We are more than grateful."

LWF has provided food and clothing for 4,000 needy Arabs in the Jerusalem area. In addition to this, the governor praised the medical service given at Augusta Victoria Hospital and the LWF schools in Bethlehem and elsewhere which are open to children from all backgrounds.

Dr. Stewart Herman, director of the

LWF Service to Refugees, expressed hope that some might be resettled on farmsteads or in industrial areas. I Edwin Moll is the director of the LWF Near East branch.

Negotiate in Israel

The Government of Israel is giving "close attention" to the matter of German mission properties in Israel over which the Lutheran World Federation claims jurisdiction as trustee for the former owners.

That was the word received last month by Dr. Fredrik A. Schiotz, National Lutheran Council executive, in a letter from Mr. H. Kadmon, administrator general of Israel.

In April and May, twelve conferences were held in Switzerland between representatives of the LWF and the Israeli Government. While no definite decisions were reached concerning the disposal of the mission properties, according to Dr. Schiotz, "much progress was made in understanding each other's point of view."

The LWF was represented at the sessions by Dr. Schiotz, Dr. S. C. Michelfelder, executive secretary of the LWF; Dr. O. Frederick Nolde, director of the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs; Mr. Charles Lutz, LWF commissioner to Israel; and Mr. M. Habicht, LWF attorney.

Negotiations are centering around three possible methods of settling the disposal of the mission properties located in Israel: namely:

- 1.) Transfer to the LWF of certain properties in Israel for use in church activities.
- 2.) Deeding over of certain properties to the agencies which now operate them for religious, charitable and educational purposes.
- 3.) Purchase of certain properties by Israeli interests through the sale of Jewish-owned properties in Germany.

New idea at Wittenberg

Industries of Springfield, Ohio, are going to send 800 men to college for one week apiece, beginning in September. Wittenberg, a United Lutheran college in Springfield, will give each of the 800 a 10-hour week of classroom work on human relations, personal development, economics, and company operations.

Supervisors from Springfield industries will attend in small groups, from 25 to 40 at a time, during the 29 weeks of the school year. They will receive full pay from their companies during their week in school. Wittenberg will receive \$25,000 in tuition from co-operating companies.

Wittenberg President Clarence C. Moughton and Springfield industrial leader Joseph C. Shouvlin worked out the plan.

Men from industry will be helped to understand human behavior, human relations in the community, how to plan and organize their work, union-management relations, the American business

system. Prof. Gerald Saddlemire of the Wittenberg faculty will direct the program. He is the college's director of community education. One additional faculty member will probably be added at Wittenberg to help in the new program.

Churchmen study economics

Progress was being made this summer in a three-year study of the relation of Christian ethics to economic life, reported the National Council of Churches. The Council's Department of the Church and Economic Life has launched the study with the aid of a \$100,000 grant from the Rockefeller Foundation.

Dr. Alfred Dudley Ward, director of the studies, had been an instructor in classes on "Economics for Pastors" ending July 28 at the University of Chicago (*see photo*). Discussion groups in many areas, plus a national opinion poll are being used to determine what people consider to be the fundamental goals to be sought in American economic life.



PREACHERS IN SCHOOL
Ethics in economics

World News Notes

People disappear

There was a lull during late July in the wholesale shipment of people out of Hungary. A storm of criticism in the western nations may have slowed down the Hungarian Communists in their program of deporting thousands of middle-class people to Russia.

"Where is the German Volga Republic, where one of the most capable people used to live?" . . . chanted Marshal Tito in his July 28 address of fierce attack against Russia. "It is in the Siberian taiga," was the Tito refrain.

"Where are thousands and tens of thousands of citizens from Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia? They are no longer. They are being transported daily to Siberia to work there under the harshest conditions, and to disappear from the face of the earth."

To Tito's list could be added the Hungarians. About 65,000—according to word which crossed the Hungarian border into Austria—had been loaded on cattle wagons for the one-way trip.

U.S. President Harry Truman said the Hungarian government was guilty of "infamous conduct." Secretary of State Dean Acheson protested against "grossest brutality." For a while following these sharp words the Hungarian deportation seemed to have quieted down. But it would probably begin again. It is a sure and quick method to eliminate opposition.

Summer footnote

Housewives were paying anywhere from 20 to 30 cents a pound for fresh string beans in big-city markets of eastern U.S. In New York City's wholesale markets early this month four truck farmers from Long Island were asking dealers for 75 cents a bushel for their

beans. They couldn't get that much

The 75 cents would cover the cost of the picking and cost of the baskets, farmers figured. They couldn't actually cover their full production costs on more than \$2 a bushel.

But the price offered the farmers in the gray dawn of Aug. 1 was 25 cents a bushel (about 3 cents a pound). So the farmers dumped their 1,000 bushels into city garbage trucks and went home.

Danger in India

Troops massed on opposite sides of the border between India and Pakistan. They threatened the peace of southeast Asia. National guardsmen of both countries have been mobilized for possible action.

Cause of the dispute was the state of Kashmir, which is claimed by both India and Pakistan. India's Prime Minister Nehru sent a bristling message to Pakistan's Liaquat Ali Khan saying, "Either we are going to settle the various issues between us by peaceful methods or by war. I want to rule out war and I expect you to do the same."

U.S. breaks ties with Czechoslovakia

One more door slammed shut in eastern Europe last week. U.S. government officials announced that economic relations, trade agreements and tariff concessions between the U.S. and Czechoslovakia will be ended because of that country's "ill-will."

Most dramatic of recent disagreements has been the arrest and imprisonment of U.S. news correspondent William N. Brown as a "spy."

Cited as factors causing the break were the confiscation of property of American nationals without compensation, pers

tion of American firms trying to do business in Czechoslovakia, refusal to provide ordinary trade information, imprisonment of American citizens without justification and enforced reduction of U.S. embassy personnel. Integrated into the Soviet economic bloc, the Czech government has disregarded commitments to the U.S. under international trade agreements.

The action will eliminate all but a purely diplomatic tie with the Prague government. Similar moves have recently been made against the Soviet Union, Rumania, Hungary, Bulgaria and Poland. Czech churches have long been under Communist control. Dr. J. Igor Bella, Lutheran World Federation representative, was expelled from the country in 1949. The Slovak Lutheran Church has reportedly surrendered completely to the Communist regime.

Communists purge Polish army

Four generals and five other high-ranking officers were charged with treason and espionage in the Polish Communist government's Supreme Military Court. They were accused of having planned to overthrow the government with United States and British help, and of running a spy ring.

According to normal Communist procedure, all the defendants were expected to plead guilty to these and various other charges before being quietly eliminated.

Many students fail draft test

Deferment of U.S. college students from the draft is required because of the need for a constant flow of trained technicians in industry and defense production. To provide a fair means of deciding which students should be favored by such deferment, the Scientific Advisory Committee of Selective Service is testing all U.S. college students.

First results were announced last week. Of 165,000 students who took the first test on May 26, 38 per cent failed to make a passing grade. Tests have now been given to 340,000 of the country's 1,550,000 college men. Officials expect the same ratio of failure to prevail throughout.

U.S. has rubber and tin

Shortages of rubber and tin, both imported from abroad, caused strict rationing and slowed down defense production in the early days of World War II. Now the United States has enough of both commodities to be certain that it could never lose a war for want of either, a Senate preparedness subcommittee was told last week.

Domestic synthetic rubber production has developed so that in a few years the nation will be completely independent of natural rubber, said Jess Larson, head of the General Services Administration, the government's housekeeping agency.

Cheap aluminum will replace tin for many purposes, unless world tin prices drop, said Stuart W. Symington, director of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. World tin cartel controlled by British, Dutch, Belgian, and Bolivian interests kept prices high. A few months ago, because of the Korean crisis, speculators were cornering the tin market to sell to the U.S. at \$4 per pound. World market price was \$2 per pound. Threat of competition from aluminum has lowered the present price to \$1.12 per pound.

An accord between U.S. and Bolivia, world's leading tin producer, will guarantee fair prices and a fair profit for the South American country, Mr. Symington said. The committee congratulated him on "a little Yankee trader touch" which will save the U.S. a half billion dollars yearly.

THE DISASTROUS FLOODS in the Missouri Valley loosed torrents of oratory in Congress. Senators and Congressmen took the floor on behalf of long-delayed plans for flood control.

Three proposals which gained the most support were the Pick-Sloan plan, the Missouri Valley Authority Plan, and the Agriculture Department plan. Discussion of their relative merits may provide one of the hottest debates in the history of Congress.

FURTHEST advanced in point of action is the Pick-Sloan plan, which won Congressional approval in a sudden wartime maneuver in 1944. Named for the chief of Army Engineers and the former regional engineer of the Bureau of Reclamation, it is effecting major changes in the Missouri Valley.

This plan represents a merger of two points of view. Army engineers are traditionally interested in flood control and river navigation. Reclamation specialists emphasize irrigation and the opening of new land for cultivation. When President Roosevelt in 1944 proposed a Missouri Valley Authority patterned after TVA, the other two groups joined forces in self-defense.

The major project is the building of 150 multi-purpose dams, which will protect 5 million acres from floods and irrigate 7 million acres. Lakes created by the dams will force 5,000 farm families to evacuate their homes.

Other phases of the plan call for deepening of the Missouri for 750 miles below Sioux City, building 1,500 miles of levees, increasing the crop output by 10 per cent, and generating 13 billion kilowatt hours of electricity annually.

OPPONENTS of the Pick-Sloan program point to its lack of unified planning. They say the Missouri River does not provide enough water to carry out the ambitious plans for irrigation, navigation, and power.

In its place they propose the creation of a Missouri Valley Authority, a non-political federal agency to carry out comprehensive, integrated program for valley development. Many of the same types of projects would be carried out but under centralized control. There would be special emphasis on rural electrification.

A bill establishing such an agency was introduced by 14 Senators, half of them from Missouri Basin states, and three from the others from the Tennessee Valley. Twelve of the sponsoring Senators are Democrats.

A THIRD PLAN, proposed two years ago by the Department of Agriculture, is conceived as a long-range supplement to the Pick-Sloan plan. It contemplates a five-year program of soil conservation.

The theory is that of storing water in the soil. This would be achieved by means of small farm ponds, forested areas, contours, terraces, and so forth. These would be augmented by thousands of small dams in the tributaries to control volume in the flood season.

The main contenders for Congressional favor will be the Pick-Sloan plan and the MVA plan. The issue of flood control will be colored by political considerations with MVA labeled as a step toward increased federal authority. With elections in the offing, local expressions of sentiment may help to determine the outcome.

—ROBERT E. VAN DEUSE

Church's Youth Gathers in Iowa

By RICHARD T. SUTCLIFFE

Luther League's "youngest" convention will enjoy many novelties amidst serious business, study and planning at Iowa City

"THERE'VE BEEN SOME CHANGES MADE!"

"Something *new* has been added!"

These and similar comments are common in Iowa City, Iowa, this week where more than a thousand Luther Leaguers from the United States and Canada are holding their biennial convention at the University of Iowa.

It *IS* a different convention all right:

THE MOST NOTICEABLE CHANGE is the age level of the delegates and registered visitors. A trend that first evidenced itself at the 1949 convention in Roanoke, Va., seems closer to a peak here in Iowa City. This time, the average age is between 15 and 17 years . . . at no previous convention has the age level been so "youthful!"

Aware of this trend (many synodical Luther Leagues have elected leaders much younger than those in office several years ago) convention planners have geared the program to the church's youth. This has meant noticeable changes in programming . . .

Emphasis has been diverted from "big name" speakers to practical workshop sessions. Sessions which in the past had been crowded with business items, speaking and discussion groups have been modified. Now there is more time for business and workshops. Subjects for the latter include: Handicrafts, visual aids, Christian recreation, publicity, dramatics, stewardship, and evangelism.

For the first time in the League's his-

tory, the convention is meeting on the campus of a large university. Iowa's 150 tennis courts, second largest indoor swimming pool in America, and huge gymnasium permit extensive planned recreational periods.

Campus facilities make possible another much-desired innovation: the university dining hall where delegates will eat at regular hours. Since the all-expense plan is in effect, the tendency to eat between meals and at odd hours is diminished; opportunities for fellowship are increased.

AN OUTSTANDING FEATURE of the convention is the consecration of eight young women into the diaconate at the Tuesday night session. Taking vows are Sisters Elizabeth Hess and Alma Koder (Philadelphia and Allentown, Pa.) from the Ministerium of Pennsylvania; Sister Bernice Pantel (Colletoville, Texas) from the Texas Synod; Sister Thelma Schade (St. Croix, Virgin Islands); Sister Mary Shepley (Myersville, Md.) from the Maryland Synod; Sisters Dorothy Snyder and Maye Walker (Stoystown and Lock Haven, Pa.) from Central Pennsylvania Synod; and Sister Elizabeth Warstler (Canton, Ohio) from the Ohio Synod.

This is the first time that Leaguers attending an LLA convention will have had opportunity to observe a consecration service.

More *firsts*: . . . the installation of the entire staff (Executive Secretary Leslie Conrad, Associate Secretaries John Man-

gum and Mary Helen Smith) will take place at the concluding session Friday night when the new officers are also to be installed by the Rev. George Harkins, assistant to the President of the United Lutheran Church in America.

... presentation of the Youth Sunday program (slated for local leagues on Youth Sunday, Sept. 23) by convention leaders and leaguers. This year, the program is a *Trial of Lutheran Youth*, complete with a prosecuting attorney (Parish and Church School Board Staff Secretary Lawrence Reese), a defense attorney (Former LLA President Alvin Schae-diger), and a jury of 12 leaguers.

Youth will be "tried" on charges that "youth is inadequate to inherit the leadership of the church" because of its racial and caste systems, its collective Biblical illiteracy, its wrong motives in choosing its life work, and its low standards of ethics and morality.

BUSINESS-WISE, THE CONVENTION will have several important matters, including the election of officers, action on an Executive Committee recommendation that the new constitution (considered at Roanoke in 1919) be *tabled indefinitely*, and the report of the biennial campaign to raise \$25,000 for the building of the Church of All Nations in Kaimuki (suburban Honolulu), Hawaii.

(In 1946 at Pittsburgh, delegates voted to authorize the executive committee to revise the constitution which had become outmoded. This spring, the executive committee voted to recommend indefinite tabling of constitution revision until the staff has time to consider a new constitution after "crystallizing completely its objectives and procedures.")

Prior to the opening of the convention, nominations had been submitted by synodical executive committees for the five

elective offices as well as for the members of the executive committee. League spokesmen anticipated approval of action that would permit the nominating committee to name two leaguers for executive office and executive committee vacancies.

Assurance of the Hawaiian project's successful conclusion was almost a matter of record. To Aug. 1, Leaguers had contributed \$24,000 (\$17,500 had already been turned over to the Board of American Missions, in charge of administration of the funds) and the campaign is not to be concluded until the end of this year!

FIVE YOUNG INTERMEDIATES from Pennsylvania, in signing their house registration blanks, requested that each be placed with a Leaguer from "either Hawaii, Canada, the West Coast or the South." They explained that they were coming for fellowship as well as inspiration, that they could guarantee themselves that pleasure by rooming with girls from other sections of North America.

Delegates traveling the biggest distances were from Eastern and Western Canada, California and Florida. Over 70 North Carolina leaguers had registered, 80 from the Williamsport (Pa.) area indicated they would be present for all sessions.

A nightly "snack-time" and an evening swim in the university pool would prove highly valuable to those few delegates and visitors who needed a "method" to enjoy the fellowship that oozed from every corner of the convention.

By week's-end, convention leaders and League officers were certain there would be a thousand or more young people from the United Lutheran Church who were better educated, more deeply inspired, filled with even greater consecration for youth's task . . . becoming leaders tomorrow!

SCIENTIST WITH FAITH

By HAZEL O'HARA

The man who selects scientific personnel for all the government's important defense projects is a quiet, home-loving Christian

DR. MARION H. TRYTTEN is a tall grey-haired man. If it were not for the gentleness of his greeting he would seem austere. When he takes off his glasses to wipe them, friendliness shows in his dark eyes. He talks in an unassuming way of the government's great projects for which he has the job of choosing the scientific personnel.

Only a scientist (he's a physicist) could be this kind of personnel director. He interviewed people for the atomic-bomb Manhattan project when it started. He has handled the placement of many of the top physicists, chemists, biologists, and other scientists of our country. Yet he tilts back in his chair in a cubbyhole of an office above famous Constitution Avenue to answer questions quietly and without haste, disregarding for the moment all other things except his telephone, which will not be denied.

THE TRYTTEN PORCH is also a pleasant place to meet and talk. It is tacked to the side of a big and rather formal brick house located in a suburb a few miles from Washington on the road to Baltimore. A box of brilliant geraniums sits on the floor along the street end of the porch. The back lawn takes off from the other end and runs down to the woods. Dr. Trytten sat on the couch against a background of some shiny dark green stuff with white flowers.

The conversation led him to speak of Dr. Trytten's talents in music and art and then of her self-reliance in securing

an education. She came from Oslo when she was 14 to visit an uncle on his wheat farm in Minnesota and stayed to finish high school here. Then she went down to Concordia to see about entering college.

"And I think it is quite remarkable," said Dr. Trytten, "that she went with only enough money to pay her first tuition. But she plunked that down and found a job to pay her other expenses. The next summer, she earned enough money for another year's tuition and went along like that until she was through."

Dr. Trytten said that their two children, George, who plays the violin, and Martha, who plays the 'cello, received their artistic gifts from their mother; that he himself had none. Mrs. Trytten came out just in time to tell him cheerfully that he was talking nonsense, for she had no greater gifts than he had.

THE FAMILY IS ENJOYING a summer together after a long separation of the two children from the home. George Trytten graduated from Luther College in June and is now working at Naval Ordnance. He served in the Navy in 1946-1947 before entering college. Dr. Trytten remarked that his son had been torn between literature and mathematics. Though he finally chose science, he continued to write and draw for the college paper and was made editor in his last year. "I think he did something a little unusual with that paper," went on the father. "Most college magazines are lim-

ited in their interests to affairs of the campus, but George introduced a section on world events. I was rather pleased at the success he made of it." Martha had been painting furniture in the basement, and rubbed at some spots of paint on her fingers as she came and sat down beside her father. Small, dark and vivacious, she shows in an indefinable way that she has had an exciting four years since graduating from college.

She got her degree in the social sciences from the University of Rochester in 1947 and went at once to Norway with the first group of students who attended the summer school for American students at the University of Oslo. Asked to remain as assistant to the director of the summer school, she has only recently come home to stay. Her father listened as she talked of the ways in which Norway earns its living—of the fishing, the scant farming, the lumbering, the water power, and the new steel industry, which she said some people regarded as a mistake.

I NOTICED AN INTELLECTUAL resemblance between father and daughter. They have the same tendency to put themselves aside and study life objectively, the same ability to accumulate facts and weave them into conversation. I remembered what Olivia Peterson, Red Cross nurse and secretary of the Luther College group in Washington, had told me: "Dr. Trytten usually knows something about any topic that comes up. Often he will come out with precise facts and figures on subjects that you might think would be alien to him. Trytt never talks about himself—but he can talk about almost anything else."

The Tryttens hail from Minnesota. Dr. Trytten was born at Albert Lea, received his B.A. from Luther College in 1916 and remained as instructor and later head of

the physics department until 1924, with one interruption when he was with the army overseas. In 1924 he went to the University of Pittsburgh and stayed there as assistant professor until 1941, when he came to a wartime job in Washington. Since 1944 he has been with the National Research Council of the National Academy of Science in charge of the Office of Scientific Personnel.

Dr. Trytten, like his son, leaned less to writing and to science and chose literature. He has continued to write articles and speeches and is quick to spot a general theme.

He said there's a story that has not been written about the development of the National Academy of Science. It started by Lincoln after the battle of Merrimac and the Monitor. Those ironclads made technology a force in military affairs and Lincoln had the genius to perceive the necessity of planned science. The Academy in succeeding years grew into something similar to the French Academy and the English Royal Society. Election to it is one of the high honors coveted by scientists.

BY THE TIME of the First World War technology was providing machines that flew through the air. The Academy created, in 1916, its National Research Council dedicated to planned research for the extension of scientific knowledge. The emphasis at that time was on chemistry, ballistics and aeronautics.

Everybody knows what geniuses technology turned out to be in succeeding years. About 1938, we put on nylon stockings, made by much the same manufacturing process as Cinderella's ballroom clothes. We began to discuss our reactions to sulfa drugs. In the 1940's we saw technological warfare reach for civilians; they sat laughing in the theater, or g



HE SELECTS SCIENTISTS
Dr. Marion H. Trytten

ed around the dinner table, or walked round the block. And one morning over our coffee cups we read with a sense of doom that a devil's mixture had been let loose. We felt like scared children who realized that some of their number had gone too far and had set fire to the building.

Now that the government was knee-deep in science for the defense of the nation, the National Academy set up its new office of Scientific Personnel through which scientists would be recruited for the government's projects. As director of that Office, Dr. Trytten has great knowledge of and responsibility for our struggle to make our science adequate for survival.

"Here," he had said abruptly during our first conversation, "is one of the most

significant remarks on the course to which our nation is committed." I took the mimeographed sheet, looked at the spot to which his finger pointed, and read, "The expanding programs planned by the Department of Defense and Atomic Energy Commission will probably absorb something like three-quarters of the national supply of technically trained personnel." This sentence was in a statement by Dr. Eric A. Walker, Executive Secretary of the Department of Defense Research and Development Board. Even a layman has a vision from those words of how completely we are caught in a Jules Verne world.

Dr. Trytten mentioned on that bright May morning that a symposium was under way down the hall on undersea warfare, and I caught from that stray comment his sense of the drama in his job.

DR. TRYTTEN IS GENERAL CHAIRMAN of the Selective Service Committees advisory to General Hershey, not *ex officio*, he told me, but as a private citizen. ("I wear a different hat up there.") The college deferment plan is often referred to as the "Trytten plan," a term which indicates that he is the one riding out the angry criticism. In a letter to the editor in the morning paper I had noted this sentence, "Have patriotism and duty changed so that a man is now sent to war because his family is poor and cannot send him to college?"

Dr. Trytten in his quiet way said that the criticism was entirely logical. The necessity of keeping up a supply of technical personnel meant keeping students in college until they were equipped for work. Science as well as brawn is defending our world, he pointed out, and our survival depends on being masters of scientific techniques. A short hiatus in the training of technical personnel would not be vital

if we were heading into harmony. But if we are going to be struggling for existence for years to come, it means inevitably that the country will be caught short of technical people later on.

They had to choose, he said, the "best bets," those who show the greatest promise, so they based deferment on the grades the men make and the results of their psychological tests. Criticism, he added, can be met if the nation will adopt a scholarship program that will equalize the opportunities for going to college.

DR. TRYTTEN INFORMED ME that Russia has taken no chances on a lost generation of scientists. For years he has followed the training of technical personnel in that country, and believes she has gone farther than any country in the history of the world toward systematic training to develop national power.

"Doesn't it all add up," I asked, "to matching materialism with materialism?"

He answered, "No, not entirely, at least not yet. Our role in this crisis is only partly military. We can wage another kind of struggle for democracy in those vast areas where tremendous populations have not yet been drawn into one camp or the other. We still have a chance to win those people who 'haven't made up their minds.' If we want them on our side, we must make it mean something to them."

HE BELIEVES that the Christian colleges have a special offering to make to the nation. These colleges, he wrote in an article for the *Lutheran Herald* (Feb. 20, 1951), have always furnished their quota of leaders in science, education, commerce and industry, the healing arts, and have perhaps been ahead of other types of colleges in furnishing people who are morally and spiritually equipped to fight

for an ideal. "For the democratic ideal to be reached," he wrote, "requires a high degree of education of the individual including emphasis on spiritual and moral aspects. Our democracy cannot succeed without this leaven. It is in this area that our Christian colleges have made great contributions and have produced the indispensable ingredient."

HERE WAS A SCIENTIST knowing the world of science well and a churchman who assigned certain high responsibilities for survival to Christian leadership. Most people assume that science has a dissolving effect upon faith and idealism. What did he think?

Dr. Trytten answered without hesitation that science used for strictly materialistic purposes will damage as any all-out materialism is bound to do. We must make the same planned effort to develop both science and humanism. Both are important.

"Scientists in themselves," he said, "are good men. I have worked with some of the greatest for years and found more genuine practical idealists among them than in almost any other walk of life."

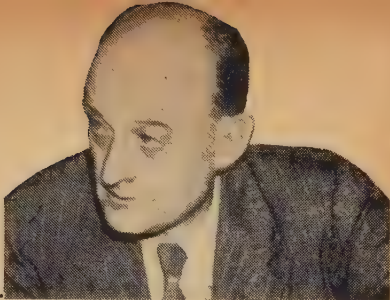
Though Dr. Trytten talks so objectively, he reveals himself in little flashes. That evening on the porch, as we looked at George's cartoons, I asked what he thought of a certain popular political cartoonist. "He's witty," Dr. Trytten spoke up, "and shrewd to a degree. I always have the feeling that his is the work of a well-fed man. He never seems deeply disturbed." Then he mentioned another cartoonist and said, "Now he shows much greater depths of thought and feeling. His work is incisive and penetrating."

It showed me that a scientist can be a good judge of the world and the people thereof and still keep his faith.

PROBLEMS OF A WORLD CHURCH

20 REINHOLD NIEBUHR

Wide divergencies may confuse efforts
to relate Gospel to present situation



THESE LINES ARE BEING WRITTEN in the midst of a 10-day discussion of a committee which has been given the task of preparing material for the next Assembly of the World Council of Churches. The experiences of our committee are a revelation in miniature of the problems of the world church. The basic problem is to state the full truth of the Christian gospel in a way relevant to all historic situations. Consider some of the divergencies of viewpoint and experience at such a meeting as ours as symbolic of the world situation.

There is one group of Christians, living close to the iron curtain, which wants the Christian message stated to bring comfort and hope to Christians behind the iron curtain, some of whom are undergoing great suffering and few of whom have any significant political choices. On the other hand a message to Christians in America deals with people who suffer little but who bear great responsibility, America having become the center of a world-wide system of democratic order. Americans are not tempted to despair, as are people in parts of the world where there is little prospect of freedom of justice. But Americans may well be tempted to pride or to complacency.

BUT THESE TWO EXTREMES do not exhaust the divergencies. The people of Asia do not have the securities which we enjoy; but they do have the new possibilities and perils of their various new free-

doms. They want to know how Christian faith may be related to economic and political order and what Christian resources are for preventing the spread of communism. There is another type of situation, different from America, Asia or the prisoners behind the iron curtain. Many people of Europe, perhaps particularly in France, are in a condition of hopelessness. They think the alternatives offered today are not necessarily bad but that none of them is good enough to give any real hope to modern man. France is, as far as it is not communist, deeply affected by the mood of "existentialists," who find no significant meaning in life.

THERE IS a part of the Gospel which is meaningful particularly to those who have no earthly hope but need to be assured of the love of God from which "neither life nor death can separate us." There is a part of the Gospel which is meaningful particularly to nations, classes and peoples who are secure and successful. It could be expressed in the text, "Be not therefore high-minded but fear." There is a part of the Gospel which is directed to those who are not in an impossible situation, but think they are, such as some of the people of Europe. They need to be reminded of their responsibilities. The Parable of the Talents is meant for them, particularly the warning to the servant who hid his talent in the ground.

The peoples of Asia, who need so much to establish basic security and to escape

from the grinding poverty of an inefficient economy must learn how to relate their justified striving for more justice and plenty to the more ultimate judgments and mercies of the Kingdom of God. One would like to tell them, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness" except that this text cannot be pressed upon people who desperately need "all the things that will be added" by comfortable people who have these things.

IN THESE SITUATIONS THERE are not

different Gospels, but different facets the Gospel are relevant. The task of a church is to define these facets but to insist on the unity of the one messiah in Christ. Finally that is found in the Cross and Resurrection, from which those who are comfortable and secure must learn that "if ye will not die with Him, neither will ye live with Him"; while the weak and despised and lowly and oppressed must learn the meaning of assurance: "Always dying, yet behold, live."

An Ancient Blessing Still Brings Peace

By GEORGE DRACH

Closing our service of worship with the familiar benediction reminds us of God's love and abiding protection on our lives.

THERE'S ALWAYS A MOMENT of hushed reverence in our churches as the tones of the organ taper off into silence at the close of the final hymn and the pastor lifts his hands to pronounce the benediction.

The service usually closes with ancient words of blessing that go back to the time of Moses. Called the Aaronitic benediction, or sometimes the High Priestly benediction, the first record of their use is found in the early pages of the Old Testament. God told Moses to instruct the priests to use this benediction whenever they blessed the people of Israel.

So heads are bowed for a brief stillness as the service concludes even today, while the pastor says, "The Lord bless thee and keep thee. The Lord make His face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee.

The Lord lift up His countenance unto thee and give thee peace."

MOST WORSHIPERS FEEL a sense of God's presence when they hear these words. But many interpret them in different ways. Some may not even understand their real meaning.

To bless and keep is readily understandable. It means that God offers to serve and protect us from harm and danger.

But the words and phrases in the second and third parts of this benediction—"make His face shine" and "lift up His countenance," ring strangely in the ears of people today. They refer to what is called an "anthropomorphic" idea of God, endowing God with human characteristics. Yet, despite their ancient origin, they still have a true and deep meaning.

People are known by their faces.

cial expressions often indicate feelings and attitudes. A pleasant, bright, beaming face surely indicates a kindly disposition. "Make His face shine" expresses this idea of the good will of God, whose desire is to be gracious.



Face and countenance are similar terms. To "lift up His countenance" means that God will not turn away from us in anger or displeasure. He will not inflict punishment or look down upon us. Rather, in compassion and eager love, he will bless those on whom this benediction is pronounced.

WHEN MOSES FIRST RECEIVED these words of blessing, he was told that whenever they were spoken to the people, "they shall put my name upon the children of Israel and I will bless them."

When these words are spoken in the service on Sunday, God is putting His name upon us! It's easy to find comparisons for this. When a painter is pleased with the results of his artistry, he puts his name on the picture as an indication

that it is his work and is satisfactory to him. When a manufacturer is proud of the product he creates and is willing to back it up with his good reputation, he stamps his name on it as a guarantee that he stands behind it.

When the benediction puts God's name upon us, it is His guarantee that He will support us with His presence and His blessing. It is the final mark of approval which accepts us as His children.

The usual form of prayer is an approach to the grace of God, relying on His word and promise. The benediction is not a prayer. It is God speaking to us, imparting His grace to us, offering His peace in our lives as the best and highest gift which we can desire or He can give.

Martin Luther once explained the New Testament interpretation of this old benediction by saying that it means that we are receiving the blessing of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Father blesses us in preserving our lives and in giving us all we need for our earthly existence. The Son blesses us by His grace, forgiving us our sins. The Holy Spirit blesses us by guiding us to repentance, faith, and godly living. All these blessings confer peace with God and eternal life through Jesus Christ.

There's a strange feeling of real peace that seems to follow us out of the church at the end of the service. The words of the benediction, the response of the congregation in singing the "Amen," and the silent meditation that follows send us forth assured of God's love. He has put His name upon us in order that we may really know that we belong to Him.

LORD, when we do not know what to say, keep us quiet. When we do not know what to do, let us ask of Thee, and we'll find out.

—From *Prayer* by PETER MARSHALL

Fishing Led Him to the Ministry

By CARL G. KARSCH

Experiences aboard scallop boat led Philadelphia Seminary student to choose the career of a modern fisher of men

FIFTY MILES OFF NEW YORK harbor, the rake-like steel dredge of the "Malvina B." has just dumped on deck her hourly collection of scallops and ocean bottom miscellany. Barely has the dredge disappeared over the side again before a half-dozen deck hands set about selecting the scallops, opening them, and packing the seafood into the iced hold of the ship.

One man, younger than the rest, hardly looks the part of a fisherman except for his unusual speed in opening scallops. Despite a four-day beard, his lean build, his untanned complexion and heavy shell-rimmed glasses rather give the impression of a student. In fact, that's what he is—a student of the Philadelphia Lutheran Theological Seminary on summer vacation.

BUT FOR ARTHUR C. OLSEN scallop fishing is hardly a vacation. It's a rigorous, full-time job that combines carrying on a family tradition while earning spending money for the winter months ahead.

In 1948 he first went fishing, out of New Bedford with his father as skipper. Despite frequent spells of seasickness—"most fishermen get sick occasionally"—he soon became so skilled at opening that the crew voted him a full deckhand's share of the profits from the trip. That season Arthur didn't return to college in the fall but fished until the second semester began in January. Since then, he has limited his time at sea to the summer months.

Olsen has had his share of a fisherman's luck. On one trip to New York his ship took in tow another fishing craft whose engines had failed. This seemed unfavorable, but Arthur later learned that on the next trip both vessels sank in a storm with the loss of all aboard.



SORTING THE SCALLOPS
It takes a special skill

SEAFARING RUNS IN THE OLSEN family. Arthur's father, born in the Faroe Islands northwest of Scotland, went to sea at 14. On one of his early trips the ship was torpedoed in the North Atlantic, and he was the only one to survive. After shipping around the world on merchant ships, he came to this country to become

a fisherman. In 1939 the family moved to New York where young Arthur was first introduced to the Lutheran church.

As a member of the confirmation class of the Reformation Church, Brooklyn, his latent qualities for the ministry became apparent. Pastor Paul Hoover predicted to his father—as Arthur learned much later—that his son would some day become a minister. He had not yet thought much about a life work. In high school he found exceptionally intelligent students being discriminated against outside of school because they belonged to minority racial groups. Determined to battle this injustice, Arthur felt that through the ministry he could further his crusade. He says, "I realize my goal is best achieved through Christian love rather than verbal battles."

THE BACKGROUND OF THE FISHERMEN with whom Olsen sails makes it difficult for him to discuss religion. Language

and custom are the main barriers. For the most part the men are Norwegian-born and resort to English only when necessary. Many are nominal Lutherans because it was the state church of Norway, their homeland. Religion, in their opinion, is for those who stay on shore: the womenfolk and the children. The men aren't accustomed to contributing toward the church and its programs.

The inflexible, 'round the clock schedule aboard ship is largely the cause of the fisherman's concept of a church peopled by women and children. Sunday is like any other day.

The information gained first-hand—and the sympathetic understanding of fishermen this knowledge has brought—naturally reflects in Arthur's ambitions of a future parish. "My hope is to be a pastor in a fishing community where I can serve the people whose unique problems I know so well." His aim, in short, is to become a modern fisher of men.



TRUTH

AS FAR AS I can judge, it is much the same with law as with theology. There is no "correct" theology, but there is a "true" theology—that is, a theology that is centered in the gospel, although the greatest variation may occur in the details. Just so is there no "correct" law, while there is a "true" law. This "true" law can be very different in different countries and under different circumstances. But it is still "true" law when it is built on the eternal foundation of all law—on what God has revealed to men as His will.

—OTTO DIBELIUS in *Weg und Wahrheit*

OUR VACATION Bible school this summer at St. Peter's Church was a success! Or was it? We are so happy to have about 50 more present than we had expected—a total of 209. We believe we learned a lot about The Cities Jesus Visited. But our jubilant spirits were brought low when we learned from a nursery child there was no Bible in her home. She thought Jesus was Santa Claus. Yet there are those who are hesitant about evangelism—especially on the home front.

—EVERETT A. DASHER

FAIR HIT

By HARDING W. GAYLORD

When his long smash broke a neighbor's window, a boy learned that it pays to play hard and to play square

"MAKE HIM PITCH to you, Spike!"

"Give it a big, long ride!"

"Park it over in the next county!"

This was only part of the wise advice shouted at Spike Seward, star hitter of the Sandlot Superbas, as he came to bat in the ninth inning. There were two men on base and if he could score one of them his team would win. So you can see that it was really a great moment.

Spike took the wise advice. He made the pitcher throw him a good ball by waiting for two that were bad and letting them go by him. Then, when he saw the big one coming up, he hauled off with his bat and hit it hard and cleanly. You might say he hit it too well; for it went over the head of the center fielder, who was playing back against the fence, and continued toward the house in the next lot. It was going to hit that house and was certainly traveling in the direction of the windows. In a couple of seconds more, there was the tinkle of breaking glass. A few seconds after that, there was not a boy left on the ball field.

THAT NIGHT at the supper table, Spike's father asked him how the game came out.

"We won," said Spike. "At least we would have won—"

"I don't understand," said his father. "Either you won, or you didn't win. Which was it?"

"Well, we really won; but, you see—well, there was a bit of an accident. The last batter on our side broke a window."

"Oh, I see!" said Spike's father. "Would

this batter be any one I know?"

Spike waited a moment before he replied. Then he said,

"What made you think I broke a window?"

"Well, for one thing," said his father. "I know you're a heavy hitter; and, besides—well, you did a pretty good job of telling me you broke it without actually saying so. But never mind that. Is it going to cost you much to have a new pane put in?"

"I wouldn't know about that," said the boy. "We didn't stay around to ask a lot of questions. You see, we—well, we got scared. We thought that might save us some money."

"Oh, I see! Well, I can understand that you might like to save money and avoid an argument; but how would you feel if the window belonged to you? That is the sort of thing that a fellow ought to talk over a bit, I think."

FINDING THAT HIS FATHER was not angry and did not intend to scold him, Spike was perfectly ready to talk. He said,

"Well, I suppose I shouldn't like it."

"You mean, you'd want the fellows to play ball, but you'd also want your windows to be safe, or at least to be paid for if they got broken?"

"Yes, Dad," said Spike. "I guess that about it."

"Very well, then," said his father. "The best thing for you to do is to go right over to the man back of center field and

him you broke his window, and want to see that the damage is made good."

"But I—I— The man might be mad," said Spike.

"That's right; he might. So, if you're afraid to go alone, I'll go along with you."

Spike turned his face away and looked down at the floor. Then he got up and took his jacket from its hook.



"You won't have to go with me," he said.

"Right!" said his father. "But I want to do this for you. If you—or the team—will take care of the cost of the glass, I'll help you put it in. That may be a bit of a job. Sometimes the old putty's pretty hard to get out."

SPIKE FOUND THAT THE MAN back of center field did not feel very happy about his broken glass; but when he learned why the boy had come, he treated him not badly at all.

"You're an honest boy," he said. "I

like square shooters."

So the next day he helped Spike take out the window. Spike took it to his father, who helped him measure for the glass and put in the new pane. And the next time the Sandlot Superbas had a meeting, they voted to take money for the glass and putty out of the club's treasury.

"It isn't right," said one of the boys, "to punish our best batter for being so good. Most of us fellers can't hit the ball far enough to break anybody's window. If he can and does, then we ought to stand behind him."

And that was that.

THE NEXT CHRISTMAS, one of the presents that Spike liked best was a new baseball bat. It was labeled "The Joe DiMaggio Home-run Hitter" and the card that came with it read:

"To a hard shooter who is also a square shooter. May you always hit hard and shoot square."

And this was signed, "The Man Back of Center Field."

Spike took the fine club, tried its weight, and swung it.

"What does he want me to do," he asked, "break another window?"

"I wouldn't know about that," responded his father; "but one thing is clear to me, and that is that he wants you to keep on playing ball."

Spike picked up the card and read it again.

"That isn't all he wants," he said.



PERHAPS THE GREATEST departure from Jesus that modern Christians have taken is their refusal to believe that the quality of a man's life is the ultimate thing. A man is saved when his heart is right and his motives are in harmony with the will of God.

—From *With Singleness of Heart* by GERALD KENNEDY (Harper's)

FIVE MAKE A FAMILY



Sudden Panic

WHAT A DAY! If I'd known what lay ahead of me, I don't believe I'd have had the courage to put one foot out of bed, much less get myself and the children dressed and trot off for the last day of vacation school.

Mabel Larsen, who is in charge of the primary department this year, had warned all her leaders that the last day was usually a rat race. What an understatement!

Even though I went to the church a half hour early, children were streaming in from all directions.

"Look," cried Karen, "Freddie Baines is bringing his twins in the express wagon."

Sure enough. Freddie, who is nine and in Karen's group, had made time by loading his four-year-old brothers into a little wagon. As they zoomed along, I wished I had thought of doing the same thing with Susie. Her idea of a pleasant walk is to rush ahead of me till my heart is in my mouth for fear she won't stop at the street corner, then do the next block at a snail's pace.

WHEN I GOT INTO THE CHURCH, Mabel with her usual efficiency, was at work.

"Hello, Karen and Peter," she greeted the children. "I'm glad you helped your mother get here bright and early, for I surely do need her."

Both youngsters beamed and I resolved to try that sort of approach oftener.

"Here are some faithful workers," she said to me, pointing out five or six children gathered around a table, "who

missed the day we put our booklets together. Would you and Karen help them? Karen's booklet is so pretty she might like to show them how she did it."

Every child who came in was welcomed as though he were the one person she'd been looking for and given something to do pronto. They were all too busy to get into mischief. She really is a wizard.

AND IT TOOK A WIZARD to help the whole crowd finish whatever work they started, go over the program for the evening so that the children would be confident enough not to get stage fright when they faced the congregation of parents and make out certificates between time. Of course, we could have made out the certificates of attendance in the afternoon but several of the helpers had things they wanted to do then and it seemed best to go right ahead. I had a few to finish at the close of the morning.

"Come on, Mommy, I'm hungry," complained Peter, hanging over my shoulder.

"I'M ALMOST THROUGH. Won't take more than 10 more minutes. Then I'll be through and I can give the certificates to Mrs. Larsen and Pastor Ittel to sign before this evening." I remembered about giving him a job to make him feel important. "How would you like to help by going over to the nursery room and telling Mrs. Ittel you are bringing Susie over here to wait for me?"

"O.K." Pete brightened up so fast I congratulated myself on quick thinking.

Karen kept herself busy reading each certificate as I finished writing.

"There! The last one!" I exclaimed. Hustle them over to Mrs. Larsen for me before she finds some more for me to do."

While I gathered up my handbag and a few odds and ends I had brought from home, Pete dashed in. He was so excited I felt my stomach give a funny little lurch even before he said a word.

"She's gone, Mommy! Susie's run away!"

"Take it easy," I said, trying to sound perfectly calm. "Just slow down and tell me exactly what happened. Did you see Mrs. Ittel?"

"Yes, I did. I went over to the nursery room and looked for Susie. She wasn't there and Mrs. Ittel was writing and so was the other lady in there. So I asked where Susie was. First Mrs. Ittel said, 'Right there, playing with the blocks.' Then she looked surprised and said, 'Why, she's gone. Where did she go?'—I didn't know!"

"She's probably out front, waiting for us. Come along. Let's look."

"No, she's not, 'cause I looked."

MABEL WAS ALREADY GETTING the car keys out of her pocketbook. "She can't have gone far on those little legs of hers. Let's get in the car and drive around the block. We'll find her in a jiffy."

For once in their lives Karen and Pete piled into a car without arguing about where they should sit. We left Mrs. Ittel and her polite regrets on the church steps. She would stay right there in case the child came back.

We circled the block slowly, watching both sides of the street like hawks.

"Let's go back to the church and follow the route you use going home. She may have started that way," Mabel suggested.

Opposite the church, Pastor Ittel had just pulled up in his car. When he heard about our difficulty, his kindly face lined

with concern. "Suppose I go the other direction, just in case she may have turned the wrong way."

I half expected to see the baby sitting on our own doorstep, but no such luck. She wasn't in the back yard, either. The panicky feeling inside me was getting worse and the little prayers I'd been uttering between the things I had to say aloud were getting more desperate.

"Maybe, I'd better call Dan. He might be able to get away to help us hunt," I said.

But Mabel laughed confidently. "She'll turn up before the poor man could get home. She just *can't* have gone far."

"Susie! Susie!" I called. "Pete and Karen, run and look in the other yards along the street. She just might be at one of the neighbors."

I WAS SO INTENT ON searching the neighborhood, I hardly realized Pastor Ittel's car was pulling up at the curb. Beside him sat Mrs. Ittel, holding Susie.

"Susie's been making sand pies," he explained, getting out and handing the young imp over to me. "The people two doors from the church have a sandbox, and Susie thought it would be fun to play there. But she got hungry after a bit and wanted her mama, so the lady who lives at that house brought her to the church and found Mrs. Ittel waiting there."

"I'll stay at church till you come, next time," Susie promised so promptly I knew someone must have coached her. The pastor winked at me over her head and I knew who had done it.

Well, the rest of the day went off on schedule. No mishaps at the vacation school closing, but I hardly took my eye off Susie. Once I looked around to find Dan in the congregation. He was looking the other way. I wasn't the only one keeping an eagle eye on our youngest!

The Gospel for the Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity (August 19) is Written in Luke 10:23-37

"KNOW THE BIBLE" SERIES by PHILIP R. HOH



HAVE YOU EVER looked forward to something for such a long time that when it came you could hardly believe it? It is possible for people to get into such a habit of looking forward that they think in the future and miss the present.

In a way this happened to the Jews. Generations of kings and prophets focused their eyes on a coming age and a future Messiah. Much of Jewish religious life was built around the idea of a coming messianic kingdom. The Jews got so used to expecting it in the future that when it actually came, they missed it. Of course that is not the whole story, but it is part of the reason for their failure to recognize Jesus as Christ.

According to the account in Sunday's Gospel lesson, Jesus pointed out that the kingdom had come, was present. If his hearers did not recognize it, it wouldn't be because he hadn't made it clear.

A LEGAL EXPERT in the audience was interested in Jesus' statement that many had desired to see and hear the arrival of the kingdom, and could not. He grew more curious when Jesus said that his listeners were both seeing and hearing it. The lawyer wanted to know what was Jesus' conception of the kingdom of God. What did Jesus think was true religion?

In complete sincerity the lawyer asked the question by which all religions are judged, "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?" In other words, "What sort of life does this 'kingdom' you talk about demand of its members?"

Since the questioner was a lawyer, Jesus

asked him what the Law said on this matter. The lawyer gave the answer he knew to be Jesus' own answer to that question (see *Mark 12:28-31*). Possibly he had heard Jesus combine the two commandments of Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18 in an earlier discussion. It is also possible that the lawyer had heard the combination elsewhere.

Jesus told the lawyer that obedience to these laws would give him eternal life. By accepting an answer from Hebrew scripture, Jesus indicated that his teaching was in line with Hebrew religion; he was the messiah of the prophets; his kingdom was the foretold kingdom.

THE LAWYER WAS a keen man. He knew that many religions teach love of God and man. He knew well—possibly from arguments with his fellow-lawyers—that there could be many interpretations of these two commandments. Especially do people disagree about the meaning of "neighbor." Does it refer to those within your block? within your city? within your country? within your party? within your social class? of the same race? the persons nearest you? What are the boundaries to "neighbor"? The lawyer asked for a definition.

Jesus' answer is ageless. Not only was the parable beautifully told, but it dealt with one of the most important questions involved in any religion: man's relation with his fellow man. The parable brilliantly does not answer the lawyer's question—and yet it does!

It takes more than genius to give

answer to such a profound question. It takes a perfect awareness of truth, a close association with God. It takes Jesus.

THE ROAD FROM JERUSALEM to Jericho is about 16 miles long. Part of the road passes through rocky country. Part passes through lonely desert. Many stretches are suitable for robbers to hide in.

A man journeying along this road was set upon by robbers who beat him into a semi-conscious condition, stripped him of everything and, having done their job with thoroughness, left him. He was bleeding, helpless. The sun beat down on him. If he remained there, he would die.

Two legal experts happened to be traveling that way, a priest and a Levite. Levites were a party descended from Levi. They had charge of the temple sanctuary, assisted the priests, took part in the temple orchestra, and sometimes acted as administrators and judges. It was to the priests and Levites that the Jews turned for advice on living. They were authorities. They would be expected to live according to the best interpretations of the law. If anyone would be able to give the proper definition of "neighbor" it would be one of them. They saw the wounded man.

Probably they never wondered whether the man was a neighbor by their definitions of the law. They were only concerned whether the robbers might still be around. To stop to help would be foolhardy. It would place them in a dangerous position. They too might be robbed. When they arrived in the next village, someone could be sent back to take care of the wounded man. It was probably too late to do anything for him. So they reasoned, and passed by.

Then a Samaritan came along. Of all people familiar with the law, this man was the least authority. In fact, he was

no authority at all. He was a layman of a group divorced from orthodox Judaism. He was a heretic.

But the Samaritan had compassion. He gave first aid to the wounded man, poured healing oils and wine on the cuts and gashes. He placed the man on his own mount and made him as comfortable as possible. When they arrived at the next roadside stop, the Samaritan continued his help.

The next morning he gave the innkeeper about two days' wages (see Matthew 20:2). He told the host that if more were required, he would pay it when he returned.

JESUS ASKED THE LAWYER for his opinion as to which of the three travelers showed himself to be neighborly to the wounded man.

The "certain man" who fell among thieves was probably Jewish. From the point of view of area, he was a neighbor of the priest and Levite, but not of the Samaritan. From the point of view of Jewish law, he was a neighbor in race and religion to the priest and Levite, but not to the Samaritan.

Obviously, though—and the lawyer knew it—it was the Samaritan alone who was neighborly. The lawyer admitted this.

The lawyer now knew what Jesus meant by the two commandments concerning love of God and man. Therefore to his question "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus gave the final answer, "Go and do thou likewise."

Jesus shows that you cannot define the word *neighbor* except through love. Love makes neighborliness. Even to say that "the man in need is your neighbor" misses the point, for that is also a definition. Only love will show you who your neighbor is. Those whose religion is defined by love shall inherit eternal life.

Personal Problem Clinic

Lodge

QUESTION: My husband and I met when going to the same church. We were married, have a family, and for a long time got along as one. But now he has joined a secret organization, which, I feel, has put us apart as being one.

REPLY: Thousands and thousands of men—and women—belong to secret orders. They have done so for many years, and, as far as I know, their membership has not been a source of marital conflict—at least, not any more than any other interest or activity. There is no reason why there should be any such difficulty. The “secrets” are not matters of great earth-shaking importance.

You are conjuring up an issue which is non-existent. Everyone, man or woman, is entitled to such little diversions as clubs if they want them. We ought not to be so thin-skinned, or “tender-minded,” that we can’t allow a marriage partner to be out-of-sight without supervising his or her every act or word.

On the other hand, if membership in anything is going to constitute a threat to one’s marriage or home he had better drop the outside attraction. One may have his lodge, if he wants it, but not at the cost of marital conflict. Husband and wife should talk over this matter calmly, thoughtfully, and in a spirit of utmost generosity. That is the Christian way to settle a problem.

Neighbors

QUESTION: My child was playing with two other youngsters, all five years old, when I heard a neighbor, two doors away, shouting at them. My son came home crying and upset. She had said, “Get out of here. What do you think that is—a play-toy? I am calling the cops.” It seems they were taking a drink from her side-drive spigot, though my son told me he didn’t touch it.

After this episode I went outside and said

to the lady quite calmly, “Do you know you have my son half scared to death?” She mumbled something and went on talking another lady.

Was I justified in letting her know how I felt?

REPLY: Five-year-olds may or may not be amenable to direction as to where they may play and what they may do. Are you sure you made clear to the little fellow what is “out of bounds”? Or do you subscribe to the idea that children may do where they please, do what they choose, and be accountable to no one?

Tampering with water outlets may be very annoying, and it can be serious. Parents ought to advise their children as effectively as possible against interfering with other people’s property, and make use of suitable punishment for violations necessary. The responsibility for regulating the behavior of children rests first and all with their parents. If their elders find “incidents” may be expected, for other people have a right to freedom from molestation.

Were you justified? Think it over.

Budget

QUESTION: How should one start in making a family budget?

REPLY: First, make a statement of assets and liabilities, profits and losses—balance sheet. List all you possess, amount receivable, and indebtedness. Such a statement will have a decided bearing upon your budget, especially if debts have to be paid. Then study your income and expenditures in past years.

You can then set down tentative figures for your major disbursements, such as housing, food, clothing, taxes, transportation, contributions (including the church) and other items. Talk it over and compare your figures with published budgets.

—EARL S. RUDISIL

Expert Advice on Publicity

Interpreting the Church through Press and Radio. By Roland E. Wolseley. Muhlenberg. 252 pages. \$3.75.

Until very recently little attention has been given to training pastors in the arts of publicity and journalism. Seminaries have taken for granted that pastors would somehow pick up the techniques of public relations. Speech training has been stressed, but seminaries with rare exceptions have offered no courses in writing. Apart from the extensive demands for writing in a parish ministry, there is constant need for qualified writers and editors in the church-at-large.

Dr. Wolseley is a professor of journalism at Syracuse University. He has had over a quarter-century of experience in journalism, has been a newspaper reporter, copy reader, editor. He is also a churchman with a keen sense of the possibilities of the medium of writing for interpreting the church to the world.

Under his leadership Syracuse University is setting the pace in education for religious journalism. This book makes available Dr. Wolseley's experience to all who share his interest. The subtitle is "A Practical Manual on All Phases of Church Publication and Publicity." This accurately describes the book. Where technical terms are used they are clearly and simply defined. Dr. Wolseley writes with the same clarity and vigor he demands from his students. This book is a down-to-earth treatment of the subject, and pastor or layman without special training will read it with interest and profit.

Invaluable suggestions are offered for writing and publishing church bulletins, magazines, and advertising. Principles of journalistic writing are applied to radio and television programs, church news stories, feature articles. Readers are taken back of the scenes in the business of editing and publishing newspapers.

Better understanding of the problems involved in handling church news should prevent the misunderstanding and criticism that churchmen often direct toward newspaper reporters and editors. Simple workable suggestions are offered for good relations with newspapers. I have a reservation on a very minor point here. Dr. Wolseley suggests that

pastors should not carry their copy to the editor personally. As a regular procedure this is good advice. However several editors have expressed regret to me that pastors never come and get acquainted. Occasionally copy for the newspaper should make a good excuse for a brief call. This applies particularly to the editors of newspapers in small communities. A bit of friendly appreciation will atone for some of the unchristian treatment given the newspapers by too many churchmen.

THE LUTHERAN receives favorable mention by Dr. Wolseley; also National Lutheran Council News Bureau. This favorable comment for our church printing and publicity would not have been possible a few years ago.

Our greatest need is in the field of the parish. Here this book offers its most valuable guidance. Though the author has not learned the writing problems of the pastor of a small church by experience, he understands the situation. Without benefit of secretarial help or of qualified lay experts, he must be writer, editor and often printer (or mimeographer) and publisher for his entire program of promotion and publicity. This book will advise him.

The appendices alone would be worth the price of the book. They include "Press Chairman's Manual," "Public Relations Program in Outline" and a style sheet. The book list is well selected and in usable form. I have read most of the books in the general field of this book and do not hesitate to recommend it to pastors and laymen who

want to learn how to do the job of church publicity better. Principles of good journalistic writing are applied to the mission of the church. Those who would consecrate their writing talents for Christ and His church will delight in this book.

Springfield, Ohio AMOS JOHN TRAVER

Road to Perfection

Francois De Fenelon. A Biography by Katherine Day Little. Harper. 273 pages. \$3.50.

By curious mischances Francois de Fenelon, archbishop in the Catholic Church, was denied great worldly power. But unembittered he spent 20 years quietly working in his parish and writing letters which are models of spiritual counseling.

As a young priest Fenelon was widely revered for his charm, brilliance, and devotion, even in the court of Louis XIV, where he was made tutor to the king's grandson, second in line for the throne. It was Fenelon's hope that by moulding his pupil he might insure the future of both France and his church. But the young prince was to die before he gained the throne.

In a second ill-fated project Fenelon wrote *Maximes of the Saints* in defense of his friend Mme. Guyon and her mystical methods of prayer which were arousing wide controversy. Although his writings were really not out of accord with Catholic thought, they were condemned at that time and he was banished from the king's court to spend the remainder of his life as archbishop of Cambrai in Flanders.

He devoted himself to his parishioners and to the seekers of truth from many parts of Europe who gathered around him. His letters to them, many passages of which are quoted, show the insight of a modern psychologist and are as helpful to us as they were to their 17th century recipients.

The author presents Fenelon against a background of many of the personages and controversies of his day. While the average reader is somewhat confused in this array, he finishes the book with a fairly clear and unfictionalized picture of Fenelon, and finds that he, like the bishop's parishioners, has

been inspired to strive for Christian perfection.

FRANCES SWARBRICK

Anna, Illinois

Kindness Amid Cruelty

Dokumente der Menschlichkeit. Edited by Goettinger Arbeitskreis. Holzner Verlag, Klingen/Main (Germany). 194 pages. 2 DM.

In this volume scholars and editors from the former German east assembled in university city of Goettingen under the name *Goettinger Arbeitskreis* published documents they gathered in the time of the mass expulsions from Poland and Czechoslovakia. The purpose of the book is twofold: one, to prove that there does not exist any general guilt or responsibility for crimes; two, that, in exceptional cases, subjects of the expelling nations dared acts of human kindness toward the German expellees. In very strong terms the *Kreis* condemns the agreements of Yalta and Potsdam.

Your reviewer is a refugee whom the Nazis, when they annexed Austria, expelled from that country. He was deeply moved by the many stories of refugee misery suffered by the sometimes named, sometimes anonymous contributors to the *Dokumente*.

The merits of the book can be found in its honest endeavor to list humanitarian actions toward the persecuted and of denying the dogma of general guilt.

ROBERT RICHARDS

Bradley University

BIBLE MANUAL

Pocket Bible Handbook. By Henry H. Halley (19th Edition.) Published by the compiler. 768 pages. \$2.

The very fact that 19 editions and 450,000 copies of this useful Bible commentary have been printed and distributed is a testimony to its value. Bible readers will find it sensible comments upon the entire Scriptures and useful historical material. Maps and illustrations are included.

First published in 1924 as a pamphlet, Halley's book has grown with each edition. Its purpose is to help people read and understand the Bible. In simple language, avoiding controversy, it is a handy manual for the average Bible reader.

A. P. ...

MOVIES

ADULT AND YOUTH

KIND LADY (*Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer*). A benevolent gentlewoman opens her home as a sanctuary to a seemingly charming artist and his sick wife. Gradually she finds herself the prisoner of a band of criminals who rob her of her treasures, attack her sanity and attempt her life.

An example of suspense almost unbearably sustained is brought to the screen in this highly polished melodrama. There is no mystery involved: excitement derives solely from the ever-increasing fear that the wealthy spinster will be murdered and the desperate hope that some unexpected turn of events will allow her to outwit her smooth-spoken captor. Miss Barrymore dominates the scene throughout and gives to the "kind lady" a quiet dignity which renders her plight doubly outrageous. In his debut on the American screen Maurice Evans plays a villainous role with sinister graciousness and charm. Goodness is here made shrewd enough to exploit the weaknesses of evil to its own salvation.

TALES OF HOFFMANN (*Lopert*). A poet tells his drinking companions in a tavern the story of the three disastrous loves of his life: a Parisian dancing doll, a Venetian courtesan and a Grecian singer.

Only the screen could support the orgy of imagination with which Powell and Pressburger have visualized Offenbach's "*opera fantastique*." Uninhibited in its effort to wring the utmost from the classic material, the film uses every artistic device to intensify an assault upon the senses. Brilliant color, fabulous sets and costumes become the background for a richly pretentious adventure of eye-appeal. Exquisite and highly decorative ballet is offered by Moira Shearer, whose "Enchanted Dragonfly" is as breath-takingly beautiful as her puppet dance is intriguing. Lack of unity and consistency is partly offset by the amazing excursions into surrealism, the bizarre use of the camera and the myriad visual symbols.

FAMILY

FRANCIS GOES TO THE RACES (*Universal International*). With the aid of a talking mule who gets tips from race horses through the FBI (Feed Bag Information), a young man manages to win enough money at the track to finance the father of the girl he loves.

Fabulous Francis, the Army mule, is back in mufti with his pal, Peter, who finds that it is just as hard to convince civilians that Francis can talk as it was to convince the service brass. Donald O'Connor lends his boyish charm to the role of a wide-eyed innocent who throws the touts and track detectives into a frenzy trying to get at the source of his all-too-accurate predictions of racing results. A fast-moving plot provides a satire on psychoanalysis with Francis as psychiatrist and a mare as his patient.

ADULT

ACE IN THE HOLE (*Paramount*). An embittered reporter working for a small-town paper, deliberately prolongs rescue efforts and keeps a man trapped in a cave-in for six days in order to re-establish his big-time professional career with a "scoop."

Billy Wilder broadens this bitter study of human weakness to take in the mob as well as the individual. Somber introductory music gives forewarning of disaster in a tense, cruel and tragic drama. Kirk Douglas is the ruthless reporter who sacrifices all decency and plays upon the worst elements in a group of sordid people to achieve his end. But it is the crowd of thrill-hungry sensation-seekers that points up this picture of human beings at their very worst. From far and near, curious, morbid spectators flock to the scene where an hysterical carnival spirit takes over: the ferris wheel spins, the radio blares, fake cowboys sing, "Leo, we are coming." Inside the cave is utter tragedy as Leo lies entombed to the sound of the drills and his own gasping breath. Brilliant in the execution of its every detail, the film is a punishing experience, dramatically disturbing.

LETTERS

TO THE EDITOR

Gangsters and politics

SIR:

I am shocked at your "Conclusion" of July 25. Even my thick, political hide was painfully penetrated. As evidence of irresponsible belly-aching by a respected editor who wants to hide in a cave it is downright shocking.

We have not "had years and years of gangster politics in Philadelphia," and even Senator Kefauver's Diogenes' Lantern failed to reveal any such situation. It did in fact demonstrate that Philadelphia is less tax-ridden, better governed, and more gangster-free (including freedom from the dope racket) than other communities investigated by the committee. I am active in Philadelphia politics and do not feel that I am any more of a gangster than you.

Philadelphia F. RAYMOND HEUGES

Mr. Heuges, a ward leader in the Philadelphia political organization, is a candidate for city council on the Poling ticket. Obviously he has more intimate knowledge of Philadelphia politics than the editor of THE LUTHERAN, who depends largely on information in the newspapers.

Among items reported in 1950: Philadelphia fire marshall and his assistant got prison sentences for extortion. Receiver of taxes was acquitted by city council in impeachment trial. Shortage in amusement tax collections reported. Grand Jury found evidence of fraud and extortion in Building Inspection and Water Bureaus. Graft in city bureaus issuing licenses and permits. Grand Jury charged all city plumbing inspectors with graft and extortion. Head of Vice Squad committed suicide when notified to appear before federal grand jury probing crime and rackets in Philadelphia. City magistrate tried on charge of embezzlement and fraud in bail cases.

The Kefauver Committee was told that \$150,000 a month in protection money is paid to "higher-ups" in the politics-crime

tie-up. Close relatives of Philadelphia mayor were said to be involved in dealing with a numbers racketeer. In April 1951 grand jury said it had definite proof that city councilman and 28 other city officials were involved in shake-down extortion. The assistant superintendent of police has recently been questioned by a special grand jury looking into police graft.

Senator Kefauver's Committee, with Diogenes' lantern, might find plenty of honest men in Philadelphia politics, but most of them are quite aware that many of their associates spend a lot of their time on the shady side of the street.

EDITOR

Defrauding clergymen

SIR:

There is a young man who years ago belonged to our church. He travels from state to state, and hits especially our Lutheran ministers, using my name and that of Rev. Ross Hidy as reference. Recently I heard from a minister in New Jersey, then Florida, Texas, and now New Mexico.

He is a young man, ruddy complexion, red hair, height about 5 ft. 8 in., slight build, says he is 26 years old. Wanted \$500 parole violation in Pennsylvania. Uses name of Dr. Ross Stover and the Rev. Ross Hidy as reference in soliciting money from Lutheran pastors, usually states he needs to go home. Completely fraudulent.

Philadelphia

ROSS H. STOVER

Approval

SIR:

Congratulations on your stimulating "Conclusion" on race relations (Aug. 1). It is a tremendous factor toward the advancement of both Christianity and democracy when a church such as ours takes such a stand. Ours has in the development of "A Statement on Human Relations." Your editor goes far toward putting the problem squarely in focus. It is a problem which must eventually be sized up and solved and there is only one final solution if we are to be true to one in the body of Christ.

Wyckoff, N. J.

JACK VAN IDERSTINE



GIFTS FOR LUTHERANS IN AZUL, ARGENTINA

... a trailer, supplies and lots of good wishes

Appeal Answered

When Argentine Missionary-on-Furlough Albert Alsop spoke in the Altadena Lutheran Church and before its Couples' Club, he emphasized the extreme poverty of his parishioners down there. For social affairs in his mission in Azul, 150 miles from Buenos Aires, they never had enough dishes and silverware so that all could be served at the same time. The children needed playthings, such as balls and bats, skates, and illustrated story books. Clothing was needed too. And Pastor Alsop hoped that in some way he might someday procure a trailer in order to preach in the rural areas where the Gospel never is heard.

By chance the brother-in-law of the Couples' Club president, Lee Wilson, was moving to Indio, baking-

oven of California. Upon hearing of the Argentina plight, he offered to give his 22-foot house-trailer (*see cut above*) to Missionary Alsop. On a certain Sunday the trailer was placed before the church on a main-traveled road, and members of the church and pupils of the Sunday school brought all kinds of useful things that Pastor Alsop will take back to his Azul mission by freighter, over 6,000 miles—an old typewriter, three large motors, much clothing, balls, bats, skates, crayons, dishes, storybooks, silverware, etc. In the meantime, the Alsops are using the trailer as they tell their story in churches from California and Washington to the East Coast.

Retirement Time

When Lutheran Layman W. E. Zschiesche, road ac-

countant in the Baltimore & Ohio's Capital Expenditures office in Baltimore, Md., retired on July 27 after 49 years of service, he insisted that his pastor, the Rev. Roland Renkel, of Second Church, attend the office service held in his honor.

B. & O. officials could not recall any previous time when a Protestant pastor had been present to preside at the retirement of an employee of the company, although Roman Catholic priests occasionally did.

At the ceremony, Pastor Renkel spoke of his layman's work at Second Church as a member of the council, and also as a member of Maryland Synod's executive council. Other office associates of Mr. Zschiesche paid tribute to his "practical Christianity," presented him a gift of bonds.



LUTHERAN WINNER OF SOAP BOX DERBY

... "here I come, Akron!"

Soap Box Derbyist

Lined up in stiff competition with 137 other youngsters his own age, 12-year-old Leamon Martin, of St. John's Church, suburban Baltimore, Md., captured top honors in a city-wide Soap Box Derby held to determine the Maryland city's representative in the National Soap Box Derby at Akron's (O.) Derby Downs.

This week (Aug. 12), young Martin hopes to glide down the smooth runways in Ohio's rubber city to beat down competition that will include the fastest soap-box racers young America produced this year.

In Baltimore, Leamon's prizes included a free trip to Akron for the competition, a

bicycle, a radio and hosts of plaques and loving cups (see cut above). If he's the winner in Akron this week, he gets a four-year scholarship to the college of his choice.

Heads Hood News Service

Mrs. Meredith Mackley, active youth leader in Evangelical Church, Frederick, Md., and graduate of the Baltimore Deaconess Training School, has been appointed director of Hood College (Frederick, Md.) News Service.

A former Maryland synodical Luther League officer and current advisor to Frederick's Christian Youth Council, Mrs. Mackley has been assistant director since 1949. Prior to that time, she

had served as news editor of Church World Service's tribulation center at N. Windsor, Md., and as a porter on the staff of Frederick News.

Suhr Honored

During a trip abroad, Heinrich Paul Suhr, pastor of St. Paul's Church, New York City, was awarded honorary Doctor of Sacred Theology by Kiel University.

The pastor was invited by the university to address the faculty on the subject "German Immigrants in American Church Life." Following his lecture, a dean of the faculty at Kiel pointed out Pastor Suhr's special work during World War among German internees. On Ellis Island, his work in connection with the editing and publication of spiritual material for German prisoners of war and the efforts of the congregation among prisoners of war in France, then bestowed the degree.

Lutheran Relations

Seventy-five-year-old (Mrs.) Lila P. Counts Haralson, Ga., holds so much sort of record for Lutheran relatives in the ministry.

She was the niece of Rev. Jacob Austin, pastor of Jerusalem Church, Ebenezer, Ga., the sister-in-law of the Rev. Werts Nease, Effingham County, Ga. She is the widow of the Rev. Henry Pierce Counts, Haralson, Ga.; the mother of the Rev. Fulton B. Counts of Knoxville, Tenn.;

stepmother of the Rev. Paul V. Counts, of Harrisonburg, Va.; the mother-in-law of the Rev. Dewey L. Heglar, of Roanoke, Va.; and the grandmother of Robert Paul Counts, a middler at Southern Seminary, Columbia.

New Staff Member

Holy Trinity Church, Minneapolis, Minn., has added a member to its church staff in the person of Jeanette Alice Nielsen, member of St. John's Church, Lakeville, Minn., graduate of Augsburg College.

Miss Nielsen, valedictorian in Lakeville High School's 1947 graduating class, majored in English at Augsburg, minored in Christianity. She's been an officer in St. John's Luther League as well as the league at college, has taught Sunday school and served as choir director. At Holy Trinity, she'll be parish worker.



JEANETTE NIELSEN
... Minneapolis PW

BRIEFLY SPEAKING

There's a shop-worn laugh-getter that many laymen use when speaking to seminarians in a group: "I feel like a lion in a den of Daniels!" That's why Northwestern Seminary professors are getting a laugh out of how Minneapolis' recent storm blew one of the stone lions at the entrance to one of the seminary's buildings off its base. "The lion fled," commented one seminary official, "even while the Daniels were off on summer vacation. Might even indicate a trend!"

Clergymen in Reading, Pa., followed up the recent Senate crime investigation into alleged gambling in their city by conducting a "Public Righteousness Sunday." They told parishioners in a pulpit campaign "against social evils that are undermining the moral fabric of the people" that such conditions are the fault of the community itself which "allows such breeders of crime and moral and spiritual corruption to exist."

The property recently acquired for the Pacific Seminary in Berkeley, California, has gone through several interesting events in its history. In the first place, it was built by a well-known coast printer, John Henry Nash, a Protestant. Later, it was blessed by a Roman Catholic, Archbishop Edward J. Hanna. Now it's to be converted into a United Lutheran seminary!

Augustana Lutheran churchmen shattered precedent recently by making it possible for women to participate in the administration of local congregational affairs. By almost unanimous vote, the convention passed a constitutional amendment providing "that the members of the church council shall be chosen from the men of the congregation, and the members of the Board of Trustees may be men or women." Trustees, as distinguished from deacons, are responsible for financial and property matters; deacons are entrusted with worship, educational, missionary and benevolent activities.

A Lutheran congregation with 73 charter members has just been established on the island of Formosa, much in the news these days. Acting pastor and lay leader of the congregation is Dr. C. A. Chin, medical doctor from Honan and one-time elder at the Augustana Church in Sian, Shensi. He will serve until an ordained clergyman can be called.

NEWS IN THE CHURCHES



One of the "liveliest" group in St. Paul's congregation, N. Haven, W. Va., is this junior choir, shown here in their robes with their Pastor George C. Weirick. Congregation is located on the banks of the Ohio River in the northern part of Mason County

CALIFORNIA

It's a Habit with the Crousers!

LOS ANGELES—It isn't often that a former LUTHERAN correspondent (the Rev. William Crouser) has a son and a grandson become president of the Conference Luther League 25 years apart. This happened recently when Bill Crouser, San Jose, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Crouser, was elected president of the Northern Conference Luther League of California. His father was president of the district in 1926; both he and his son have come from Grace Church, San Jose.

BOB BRAMMER, member of Altadena Church, Altadena, was chairman of the Laymen's Retreat at Camp Yolijwa this summer. A wonderful response was evidenced in the fine spirit and attendance. Pastors John Foerster, Titus Scholl and Charles Smith were leaders. Bob Inslee, president of the conference Brotherhood, led in discussion periods.

On successive weekends, the office of the California Synod, housed in First English Church, Los Angeles, has been entered by

his brother, the Rev. Albert Hidy, as pastor of Epiphany Church, San Leandro, July 10.

HOWARD L. LOGG

ILLINOIS

Leaguers Attain \$3,000 Budget

CHICAGO—One hundred sixty-eight delegates and visitors assembled in First Church, Decatur, July 27-29, for the annual convention of the Luther League of Illinois. The convention theme—CHEY—Christian Character, Christian Heart, Christian Enthusiasm and Christian Youth, was presented by Guest Speakers Morris Wee, Armin G. Wee, R. R. Belter and Roland G. Reichman.

Highlight of the business sessions was announcement that the budget of \$3,000 had been reached. The enthusiastic League immediately voted an additional \$200 for this year.

Billy Neal, 13, of DeSoto, was introduced as the winner of the Intermediate Luther League Contest for the year. His winning entry was an emblem of Luther's seal rolled in clay and an accompanying manuscript.

depicting the clay as speaking to the youth of today.

Officers elected included President Wendell Mathews of Nachusa.

Five new crosses were added to the Life Service Flag for those who entered full-time service in the Kingdom during the past year. They were: Miss Phyllis Boddiger, parish work; John S. Bremer, John P. Peterson, Irl C. Schahrer and Milton Whitney, the ministry. There are 169 crosses on the flag. THE REV. LEO R. NEILSEN resigned as pastor of the Pearl City-Kent parish to accept the call to First Church, Nebraska City, Nebraska.

MEMBERS of Gethsemane Church, Cicero, surprised Pastor and Mrs. William Kiser on his birthday with a television set.

THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE of synod has voted to continue the successful stewardship conferences of recent years. The Northern and Chicago sessions will be at Sycamore Sept. 14-15 and the Central and Southern, Sept. 21-22. CLYDE G. STEELE

LA's Oldest Gets New Pulpit



ndvent Church, Los Angeles' (Calif.) oldest United Lutheran congregation, has a new magnificently carved pulpit, thanks to Layman Howard Bowyer, a Pasadena furniture craftsman, shown here during presentation ceremonies conducted by Pastor Henry Scherer (right). The pulpit is one of many gifts recently presented by members

FRUGAL

story of the week

IT WAS THE SAME year the unsinkable Titanic took 1,500 to a watery Atlantic grave that a Welsh Presbyterian pastor, John Daniel Thomas, came to America. He spent the next 38 years ministering to coal miners' families in upstate Pennsylvania. In 1917 he married Mamie Thomas who died 17 years later, childless.

The Thomases were frugal (coal country parsons must be!); his monthly pay never topped \$150. To his neighbors, he was a wiry, birdlike man with an incredible gait, even on spiritual errands—doffing his dark felt hat, always with a cheerful greeting. His thatch was snow-white. Since he always seemed to be just able to make ends meet, the neighbors were generous with small gifts.

No one guessed the parson's secret hobby: poring over stock market tables late at night when his parish duties had been completed. None knew that as the '29 crash hit Wall Street, he was cautiously investing his small holdings in blue chip stocks.

Offers of depression-year assistance from relatives overseas were gently rejected. Only Mamie and an attorney friend knew that he frequently sent food and money to needy Europeans. To the world, he was a poor but cheerful clergyman.

Last Christmas, when he went to the hospital, everyone wanted to help. This March, he died; last week, his will was probated.

EVEN THE PARSON was unaware of the size of his estate. His will gave specific bequests to 12 relatives; each to receive about \$4,000. However, when the executor counted the government and railroad bonds, the stocks and cash, he discovered that some of the holdings had multiplied a thousand times! The pastor was worth \$70,000!

Churchmen reading the news called it a modern miracle: even at \$150 a month, the parson's aggregate salary would have amounted to less than \$68,500!

—DICK SUTCLIFFE



These three views of recent tornado damage in Wakeeney, Kansas, were submitted by Dr. Klaas. Staircases, window frames, were a row of brand new houses in a residential area of our property and the loss of three lives, missed Bethlehem and Immanuel (ALC) churches. Long

INDIANA

Indiana Camp Popular Summer Spot

INDIANAPOLIS—The Indiana Synod has been making good use of its new Camp Lutherwald, near Howe. In its second year camp's two-week Junior and Intermediate camps have been filled to capacity and an additional period has been scheduled to accommodate all the applicants. The camp co-directors are Donald Dow and Tom B. Miller.

Both the Indiana Luther League and the synodical Brotherhood held retreats at Lutherwald prior to the opening of the regular camping season. Eighty-two Leaguers attended the two-day workshop June 16 and 17. Miss Mary Helen Smith, associate secretary of the Luther League of America, directed the conference.

The "Laymen's Retreat" held at Lutherwald June 22-24 was attended by 43 laymen of synod. Speakers included Mr. Chester A. Myrom, associate stewardship secretary of the ULCA, Synod President F. M. Hanes, and Indiana Brotherhood President Harold S. Barnes, Ft. Wayne. In addition to the programs on Evangelism and Stewardship, the men found time for some fishing, boating, swimming, and visiting.

A CHURCH MUSIC CONFERENCE will be held at Lutherwald Sept. 1-3. The conference

will include discussions on the Lutheran approach to music and worship, the use of music in the church school, rehearsal procedures and techniques, and materials and equipment. Ronald Ross, production manager of WOWO, Ft. Wayne, will speak "You Are on the Air." Mr. Ross formerly produced the "Lutheran Hour." The Rev. L. David Miller, dean of the school, will lead a discussion on *The Use and Abuse of the Lutheran Liturgy*.

The conference will emphasize that music in the church is an aid to worship, and not the importance of worship, rather than artistic perfection in music technique, music foremost.

THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY will use the camp for mission study Sept. 1-3. Two separate two-day retreats will be held to accommodate all who desire to attend.

Leadership training for seniors and adults was emphasized at the Lutheran Summer School, Oakwood Park, Lake Wawasee. Forty year juniors and intermediates, who have been in majority at Wawasee in former years, were encouraged to attend Lutherwald. The Wawasee School had an attendance of 181, of which 112 were enrolled the full week and 69 for a part of the week. Staff members included: Drs. C. Frank Koch, Dr. Roland C. Matthies, Pastor J. Renz, A. E. Birch, Duane Schroeder,



of Bethlehem Church in that community. "What are now piles of debris—kitchen sinks, bathtubs, a struck late in June (see "The Lutheran," July 25) and, while causing considerable damage to and state militia arrived, church people were responding with aid to storm victims

kecher, and Mrs. Helen Shepherd. The Rev. William Zimmann presented "Pictures from Peter's Pen" at the Bible Hour periods.

RECENT INSTALLATIONS: THE REV. A. KEN-ETH YOUNT as pastor of St. Paul's Church, Lyonsville . . . THE REV. WILFORD C. BUTT, formerly at Corydon, Indiana, at St. Mark's, Whitestown . . . THE REV. IVAN H. MILLER at Bethel Church, Cicero . . . THE REV. JOHN J. FRANK, formerly pastor of Gloria Dei Church, Denver, Colorado, at St. Andrew's Church, Speedway. ROBERT H. HEINE

MARYLAND

Deaconess Triennial Slated Sept. 6-9

BALTIMORE—The Triennial of the Alumnae Association of the Baltimore Lutheran Deaconess School will be held Sept. 6-9. Officers, Mrs. Allen Laster, president, Harriet Spangler and Mildred Widmyer, have planned the program. Bible courses will be given by the Rev. Paul H. Smith, pastor of St. Mark's, Baltimore, and Sister Catharine Firewalt, of the Deaconess School faculty. The Rev. Wilbur Newby, pastor of Salem Church, Catonsville, will lead the group in a discussion on *What Lutherans Believe*. Opportunity will be given for informal conferences and interest groups. Vespers each evening will be led by Mrs. Harold E. Beatty, Washington, D. C.

BALTIMORE'S SOAP BOX DERBY winner (see *People*, page 36) is no stranger to Lutherans. Holder of a five-year perfect attendance record at St. John's Sunday school in Pimlico, Leamon Martin's father is a church councilman. Leamon's parents flew to Akron this week for the national Derby.

EAGLE SCOUT Harold E. Kunsch, Jr., and Star Scout Robert Koerber of Holy Comforter congregation Boy Scout Troop received the Pro Deo Et Patria Award July 1.

OCTOGENARIANS Dr. Daniel F. Hoffman, George E. Brill, and Christian F. Nelker took part in the ground-breaking ceremony of Second Church's new \$400,000 colonial church on Edmonson Ave. extended, June 24. Second Church, organized in 1841, will vacate the old church property on Lombard Street which has been purchased by the University of Maryland for expansion of the new university psychiatric hospital.

Laymen Robert Hamer, Thomas Hickman, Fred Konemann, Werner Gerlach, John Nordberg and Pastors Robert E. Lee and Musser White were leaders in an Evangelism Workshop at St. Luke's Church, Silver Spring, June 12.

THE REV. WILLIAM R. RAPPOLD from Tyrone, Pa., will assume his new duties as assistant pastor of Christ Church Sept. 1, will be installed Sept. 30.

LLOYD M. KELLER

Maryland Synod Conducts First Demonstration Class



Bible characters come to life on the flannelgraph before the eyes of Frederick (Maryland) youngsters as Mrs. Howard F. Reisz, of Baltimore, teaches a demonstration class, the synod's first in primary techniques at synod's recent Summer School for Church Workers at Hood College.

MARYLAND

They Attend School . . and Like It!

FREDERICK—Twenty children from Evangelical Church have been spending a week of their summer vacation going to school each day—and liking it.

They have made possible the first demonstration class in teaching techniques ever scheduled by the Maryland Synod at its summer school for church workers—which concluded its 16th annual session at Hood College July 28.

The youngsters were recruited from the primary department of the Sunday school by one of its teachers, Mrs. Charles J. Boone, in order that the adults taking the course in *Teaching the Christian Growth Series in the Primary Department* might see how the lessons could best be put across to this particular age group.

Instructor was Mrs. Howard F. Reisz, of Baltimore (*see cut*), a former demonstration teacher in the Baltimore Department of Education and at Johns Hopkins University.

Mrs. Reisz is concerned over the way a great deal of church school teaching lags

behind the caliber of teaching prevalent in the public schools.

"Unless we have some standards for teachers in our Sunday schools we are going to be able to interest and hold children in these schools. It isn't enough to be a consecrated person. You must be a consecrated person with some teaching techniques," says Mrs. Reisz.

"Teach with something in your hands," was the advice of the instructor, who had the Frederick youngsters glad to give up a morning in the outdoors to listen to her tell Bible stories illustrated with "flannelgraph" "stick-pictures" and other novel devices to stimulate young imaginations. In order that they would feel that they had had a part in the morning's activities, the children prepared cut-outs and other lesson material during the pre-session period.

Mrs. Reisz has conducted numerous teacher training classes for churches.

Invariably when the demonstration class method has not been used the members of the class have said "show us *how* to do it." The present course was the answer to that plea for practicality.

KAY MACK

MINNESOTA

Churches Escape Heavy Storm Damage

MINNEAPOLIS—The worst storm in the history of Minneapolis hit suddenly on Friday evening, July 20, and left in its wake property damage running into millions, seven lives lost, scores injured, 28,000 telephones out of order, whole sections of South Minneapolis without electricity for several days, hundreds of trees uprooted and great areas flooded. Three inches of rain fell in two hours, creating flash floods and flooding basements. Lightning and thunder were practically incessant for three hours. The wind velocity exceeded 100 miles an hour. Hospitals were crowded with injured.

The outstanding annual event of the year, the Aquatennial, opened the same day. The storm broke in as an unannounced feature.

First Family Protection Payment



Dr. Thomas Cline, executive secretary of the ULCA Board of Ministerial Pensions and Relief (right), presents check for \$2,000 to Mrs. Floyd Eichner, wife of the pastor of Advent Church, Philadelphia, Pa., who died June 15 at the age of 62. Check is the first to be paid by the pension board under the new Family Protection Plan which went into effect early this year. Dr. Eichner's congregation paid first annual premium of \$36 in January.

In fact, there was so much aqua that the Aqua Follies in Theodore Wirth Park had to be cancelled for five days because of "too much water." Stage and platforms were undated. Fortunately all church buildings escaped damage but a tent in which religious services were being held, with 600 in attendance, was blown down resulting in the death of a worshiper.

RESERVATIONS are now being received for the Central Conference Laymen's Retreat at Our Own Lake Camp, Chisago City, Sept. 14-16. Speakers will be Dr. Carl Umhau Wolf, of Chicago Seminary, and Dr. Paul H. Roth, of Northwestern Seminary.

Pastors of National Lutheran Council churches are working together in an ambitious series of sessions on evangelism. Leaders are hopeful of filling the Armory (seating capacity 4,000) at each evening service—Jan. 29 through Feb. 4.

Congregations are enjoying services and picnics in the great out-of-doors. Faith Church, St. Paul, reports an outing of 2,000 on July 17 at the State Fair Grounds.

The first annual Women's Retreat of Central Conference was a success! Speakers were: Mrs. Mae Keller of Liberia, Mrs. Paul H. Roth and Mrs. Carl Fagerlin. Theme: "We must serve." PAUL LUTHER WETZLER

NEW JERSEY

Ocean City Dedicates New Church

TRENTON—Nearly 500 worshipers attending rededication services at St. John's, Ocean City, July 22, was indicative of the phenomenal growth of this shore congregation during the past four years.

With materials and labor donated it was possible to construct a building equivalent to \$70,000. A number of interested workers became members of the church during the construction program.

Synod President Edwin Knudten preached; greetings were given by Dr. Emil Fischer of the Ministerium. Memorials to the church were dedicated by Pastor Frank Adler.

A TESTIMONIAL DINNER for Pastor Frank Flisser ended a three-year pastorate at Christ

Bingo Bongo!

Atlantic City, N. J.—This town's acting chief of police issued orders for all so-called "charity" bingo games to cease operations. The order affected approximately seven games operated by church, fraternal and ward clubs as well as other games operated by leading hotels for the entertainment of their guests.

Earlier, commercial bingo games were shut down on the Boardwalk.

Church, Trenton. He has resigned to accept a call to become associate pastor at St. John's, Bethlehem, Pa.

Camden area councilmen will hold a fellowship dinner at St. Paul's, Collingswood, in October. Zeb Trexler will speak.

The first synod-wide Evangelism Institute has been scheduled for Asbury Park, Nov. 9-10; six Stewardship workshops are being set-up for the fall months.

ADVENT CHURCH, Trenton, memorialized Former Pastor Rudolph Krauch with a plaque July 1 . . . ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, Hightstown, a supply mission for years, has called Pastor Ansis Kirsfelds to serve on a full-time basis . . . THE REV. J. BROOKS MOORE, former pastor at St. Paul's, Beechwood, was installed at St. Matthew's, Moorestown, July 29, by President Knudten.

THE REV. ELMER SEIFERT, former associate pastor, Messiah Church, Philadelphia, has assumed the pastorate at Our Saviour, Cresskill . . . THE REV. ARNOLD DAHLQUIST, formerly at St. Mark's, Queens, N. Y., comes to Calvary, Cranford . . . THE REV. ISRAEL YOST, pastor at St. Paul's, Tower City, Pa., has accepted a call to St. John's, Phillipsburg.

Grace Church, Camden, laid the cornerstone for a \$45,000 colonial church July 29. Pastor William Ziegenfus forecasts a minimum indebtedness since funds have been collected over the years for this purpose.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS of service to Temple Church, Pennsauken, was celebrated June 22 when the members presented Pastor and Mrs. Alford R. Naus with gifts.

R. J. SHOCKEY

WELFARE

SOUTH CAROLINA: At the Lowmead Home for the Aged and Helpless (White Rock) present expansion includes a new heating plant, dormitory, dining rooms and kitchen. With the completion of the Wessels Kuck Building, the guests at the home number over 100 (105).

PENNSYLVANIA: Sister Charlotte Weissgerber has been called as executive secretary for the welfare service to be inaugurated this fall (September) by Lutheran congregations of York County. The service will aid the aged, will be financed by volunteer contributions from congregations requested to consider 50 cents per communicant member as a guide.

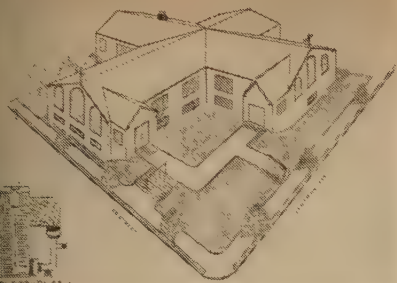
NEW YORK: The Rev Robert M. Bauer, former pastor of Faith Church, Philadelphia, has accepted the post of Director of Casework for the Brooklyn Inner Mission Society. He will also serve as Acting Director during current plans for merging services of the BIM with other similar Lutheran agencies in the metropolitan area.

OHIO: Dr. Otto H. Dagefoerde, executive director of the Lutheran Welfare Service of Northwestern Ohio, for the past 17 years, has been appointed full-time consultant field worker in the National Lutheran Council Division of Welfare.

ILLINOIS: The Lutheran Social Mission Society of Illinois has been recognized by the Community Fund of Chicago by approving the society's program of services to the ageing and permitting it to submit a budget on behalf of that department to the 1961 Community Fund.

PENNSYLVANIA: Contracts have been awarded for a two-story utility building at Topton Home, Topton. To be erected this fall, it will provide facilities for visiting groups, will house storage space, repair shop, tools, and machinery. The home observed its 54th anniversary with a day-long celebration (open to visitors) on Aug. 9.

New Jersey Expansion



Recently rededicated in Ocean City, N. J., is this expanded St. John's Church. Through gifts of labor and material a \$70,000 building was constructed for approximately \$30,000. Eighty per cent of the cost of construction and furnishing has been raised, reports Pastor Frank Adler (see New Jersey News)

ONTARIO

Summer Activity at All-Time High

KITCHENER—Activity in summer camps and vacation schools is at an all-time high this year in the Canada Synod.

AT EDGEWOOD PARK the Lutheran Summer Camp had to turn away some applicants for both its junior boys' and junior girls' camps when registration reached the capacity of 125. Increases were also noted in the senior camps. Ernie Berner, who has been manager of the camps since their organization 15 years ago, has tendered his resignation, effective at the end of the present season. His position with the YMCA in Guelph will take his full time from now on.

AT LAKE COUCHICHIING the Lutheran League camp had another successful season. Dean was again Dr. H. T. Lehmann, president of Waterloo College and Seminary. Lecturers were the Rev. Leslie Conrad, Jr., LLA executive secretary, who made his first visit to Canada, and Pastors Alvin Baetz, Kitchener, and Otto Reble, Detroit. A number of young people who could not stay for a whole week took advantage of the long Dominion Day weekend to enjoy at least part of the camp program.

ABOUT 50 YOUNG PEOPLE are attending the Luther League convention in Iowa. The majority made the trip by chartered bus. Paul Ludolph, Kitchener, is chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements for the Canada Synod delegation.

Last year only eight daily vacation church schools were reported in the synod; this year at least double that number were held. Registration and attendance were very good in most schools. Two VCS institutes, supervised by Parish and Church School Board staff member, Harner Middleswarth, and held in Kitchener and Tavistock, helped create enthusiasm and effectiveness for the schools.

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CAMPUS

THIEL College's retiring president, William F. Zimmerman, was honored by over 200 community and civic leaders at a farewell dinner in July. Following tributes to the part of college and community leadership and the presentation of a sterling coffee service, Dr. Zimmerman spoke briefly: "I (Mrs. Zimmerman and myself) are better citizens and better Christians for having been here!" Toastmaster Thomas Watson, member of Thiel's board, forewarned dinner guests that the program would not take on any aspects of a funeral service. "We're just passing Dr. Zimmerman on to the other people, hoping they can enjoy him some of the things we have enjoyed" (Dr. Zimmerman joins Midland College faculty this fall.)

CHICAGO Seminary recently received a gift of \$10,000 from Trinity Church, Ft. Wayne, Ind., to be applied to the new library building fund. Women of the congregation are also furnishing a room in honor of their pastor, Dr. Paul H. Krauss.

WAGNER College's two new buildings, the girls' dorm and the gymnasium, nearing completion and will be ready to use this fall. The dorm houses 120 girls, gym seats 1,700.

HARTWICK College's publicity department has been merged with its department of public relations. Ed Dorr, former publicity chief, has accepted a post with General Laboratories Associates. Assisting Public Relations Director (Dr.) H. Claude Heister will be Miss Ann Katherine Rothery, a junior at the Oneonta (N. Y.) school, in charge of publicity.

BALTIMORE Deaconess Training School has a new faculty member, Helen Evans, former missionary to Liberia, who has recently completed work on her master's degree at Biblical Seminary (NYC) in the field of Christian Education of Adolescents. Miss Evans will teach a course in Biblical Christian Education of Adolescents, supervise students' community service projects.



\$300,000 Educational Unit Dedicated by Lake Park Church, Milwaukee

Inside these doors of Christ Chapel, a part of the \$300,000 educational unit dedicated recently by Pastor John Fedders and members of Lake Park Church, Milwaukee, Wis., are stones collected by the pastor from all parts of the world. Two days after dedication, Pastor Fedders observed the 40th anniversary of his ordination; 32 years were spent as pastor of the Lake Park congregation

PENNSYLVANIA

Fry to Address Bucknell Students

WILLIAMSPORT—Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, president of the United Lutheran Church in America, will address Bucknell University's student body at a chapel service Oct. 1 and will meet with members of the Lutheran Student Association.

ON SEPT. 30, Dr. Fry will be the principal speaker at sesqui-centennial services for Christ Church, Lewisburg.

THE REV. CARL E. YOST has been recalled to the McClure parish after a short pastorate at Upper Muhlenberg parish, York County. Pastor Yost resigned several weeks ago to accept the York County call, but expressed a desire to return to the three-congregation charge at McClure.

MUNCY CHURCH held a recent reception in honor of Pastor John W. Whetstone's 40th anniversary in the parish. A. Kenneth

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Dunlap, on behalf of the congregation, presented Pastor and Mrs. Whetstone with a substantial purse in recognition and appreciation for their services.

In the decade the Muncy parish has 377 accessions to its membership. The congregation, in addition to its regular budget, has carried out a \$20,000 improvement program.

ZION CHURCH, SUNBURY, has received a bequest of \$500 from the Zeigler estate.

THE MIFFLINTOWN parish's vacation Bible school reported an enrollment of 208. Church, Lewisburg, reports an enrollment of 233.

THE REV. CLIFFORD MILLER was recently installed as pastor of the Port Royal parish by Synod President Dwight Putman.

PAUL W. DE LAUN

CHANGES OF PASTORATE

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BERNHARDT, CHARLES E. From Church, Stanley, N. C. To St. John's Church, Asheboro, N. C. 423 Holly St.

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NORTHWEST SYNOD

JACKSON, JEROME C. From Northwestern Seminary, student. To St. Matthew's Church, Wauwatosa, Wis., assistant pastor. 2824 W. McKinley Blvd.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SYNOD

EVERY, WILLIAM. From Advent Church, Miami Shores, Fla. To Trinity Church, Boulder, Colo. 1515 Ninth St.

WEST VIRGINIA

GALLION, DONALD. From Gettysburg Seminary, student. To Red House parish, Red House, Md. Address: RR 2, Oakland, Md.

ULC CALENDAR

AUGUST

- 19-24. Luther League Convention. Nebraska Synod. Nebraska Youth Camp, Columbus
- 20-26. LL Convention. Rocky Mountain Synod. Shady Brook Ranch, Decker, Colo.
- 21-23. LL Convention. Midwest Synod. St. Mark's Church, Pender, Nebr.
- 24-26. LL Convention. Columbia District, Camp Colton, Ore.
- 27-29. LL Convention. South Carolina Synod. St. Stephen's Church, Lexington

SEPTEMBER

- 1-3. Luther League Convention. California Synod. Grace Church, San Jose
- 1-3. LL Convention. New Jersey Synod. St. Paul's Church, Collingswood
- 1-3. LL Convention. Maryland Synod. Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, Pa.
- 1-3. LL Convention. Canada Synod. St. Peter's Church, Kitchener, Ontario
- 1-3. Indiana Synod Church Music Conference. Camp Lutherwald, South Twin Lake, Howe
- 1-3. Women's Missionary Society Convention. North Carolina Synod. Lenoir Rhyne College, Hickory
- 6-7. Student Alumnae Triennial. Deaconess Training School, Baltimore, Md.
- 4-16. LL Convention. Minnesota State. Salem Church, Albert Lea

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In conclusion

PEOPLE WHO DEAL WITH THE NEWS today have reason to feel disturbed. It's overwhelmingly bad. Most of it seems to deal with wars and rumors of wars, with dissension even among religious people, and with grave troubles on the national scene.

We become confused because of the hugeness of the issues which face us. Forces beyond our comprehension are at work. Even financial statements string out into rows of zeroes which baffle the average man. Most of us are dimly aware that some massive scourge of war may take from us everything that we consider precious in a material way.

All that's left, then, is hope in God. Fortunately, we know that God understands and provides for our needs.

Yet even saints have had moments of doubt when they wondered at God's apparent disinterest in affairs of men. "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?" was the cry of the ancient psalmist, echoed later from the cross. In many areas of today's world men must be saying the same thing, wondering why God doesn't act to destroy evil.

THE PSALMIST WAS ABLE to find consolation from many sources. He saw that God had acted in the history of his nation, for his fathers trusted in God and were not disappointed. He saw the hand of God in his own life. Through days of trouble God had been standing by to guide and bless. And he knew that God would be his protection for the future.

It's significant that the Twenty-second Psalm with its cry of momentary despair is followed by the famous Twenty-third Psalm with its calm assurance of God's abiding presence and love. "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the

days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever!"

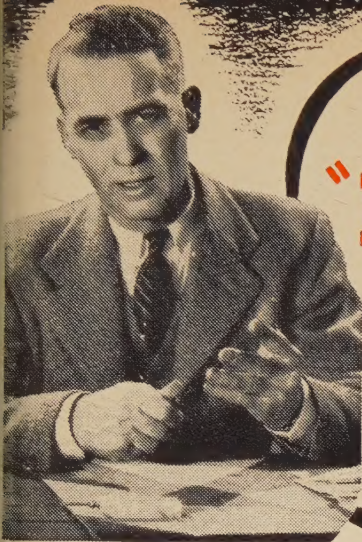
Sometimes we can't see the thrilling proofs of God's love because we're tired. Our generation has lived through a great many wearisome and troublesome days. We'd like a little rest and quiet, even though we don't seem likely to get it!

Once Jesus sent his disciples out to teach and heal. When they came back tired but bursting with enthusiasm and glorifying God, they heard the shocking news that John the Baptist had been beheaded at the whim of a wicked king. Stunned, they wondered if the reward for fearless righteousness was to lose their lives. Then Jesus said to them "Come in a quiet place and rest awhile." He knew their need and realized that things would look brighter from a different perspective.

Elijah had a similar experience after he joust with the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel. After a day-long ordeal Elijah's faith was rewarded as fire burned on God's altar, but the prophet was exhausted physically and spiritually. Then God sent him into the mountains to rest and regain his strength. "I laid me down and slept. I awoke refreshed, for the Lord strengthened me" he exclaimed afterward, ready for the next new task.

IT'S PROBABLY NO SURPRISE if I confess that I cannot foresee the answer to our problem today. But I am thankful that I can look back and see that our fathers trusted in God and were not confounded. In my own life God has never failed to respond to my needs, providing strength and refreshment. Even in the murk and gloom that seems to shadow the future of the world, an eternal ray of hope assures us of God's goodness and mercy.

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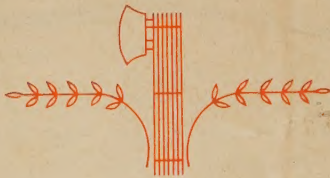
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